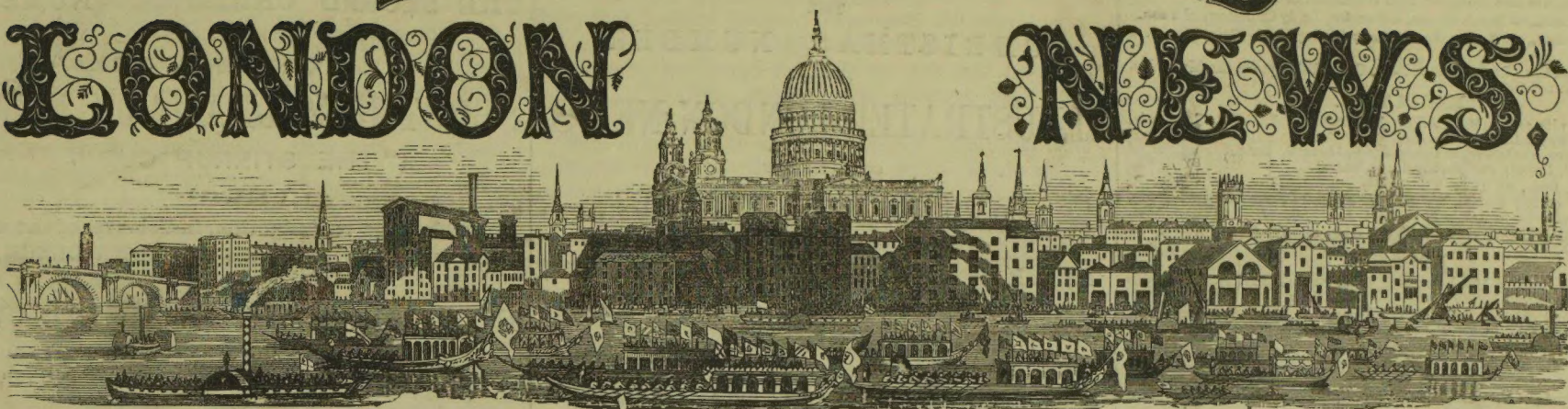


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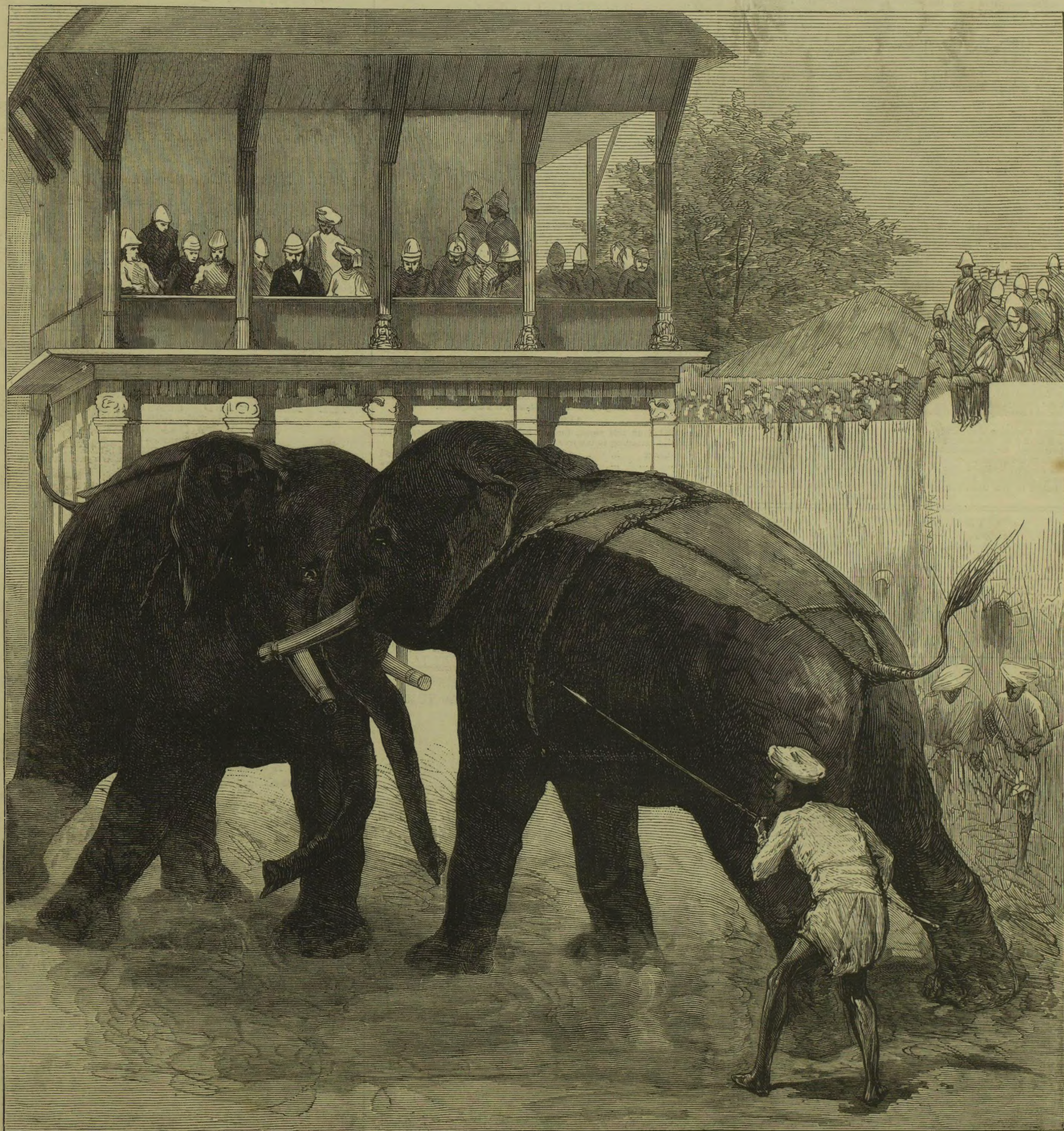


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BIRTHS.

On Sept. 26, at Nant Gwylan, Cunningham, New South Wales, the wife of T. A. Davies, late first battalion 20th Regiment, of a son.
On the 10th inst., at Brook House, Uttroxteter, Lady Churston, of a son.
On the 6th inst., at Burley House, Lady Champion de Crespigny, of a daughter.
On the 5th inst., at Queen Anne-street, Cavendish-square, the Hon. Mrs. Acheson, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

On the 6th ult., at St. Mark's Church, Bangalore, India, R. F. Morris, Captain in the Royal Engineers, second son of the Rev. F. O. Morris, Rector of Nunburnholm, Yorkshire, to Georgiana S. Sherard, second daughter of Colonel Sherard, Deputy Judge-Advocate-General.
On the 7th inst., at Holy Trinity Church, Paddington, the Rev. R. Ingram, M.A., of Ing Ravan, Weymouth, formerly Vicar of Giggleswick, W. R., and late Rector of Little Ellingham, and Vicar of Great Ellingham, Norfolk, to Harriett Sherwood, daughter of the late W. Graham, Esq., of Fitzharris, Abingdon.

DEATHS.

On the 13th inst., at 198, Lewisham High-road, Benaiah Gibb, in his 99th year. Friends will kindly accept this intimation.
On the 3rd inst., at Fern Villa, Landscape-place, Llandaff, Glamorgan-shire, Fanny, the beloved wife of James Donne, and widow of the late W. Gould, Esq., of 22, Rivers-street, Bath.
On the 28th ult., at New York, Martha A., eldest daughter of Thomas B. Coddington, Esq.
On the 6th inst., at Traquair House, Innerleithen, N.B., the Right Hon. Lady Louisa Stuart, in the 100th year of her age.

* * The charge for the insertion of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is Five Shillings for each announcement.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK ENDING DEC. 25.

SUNDAY, Dec. 19.	Royal Humane Society, 4 p.m. Society of Telegraph Engineers, con- versazione, Willis's Rooms, 9 p.m.
Fourth Sunday in Advent. Moon's last quarter, 2.56 p.m.	
St. Paul's Cathedral, 11 a.m., the Rev. Dr. Vaughan (Bishop of Lon- don's ordination); 3.15 p.m., the Rev. Canon Liddon; 7 p.m., the Rev. H. J. Barfield, Hon. Canon of Ripon.	WEDNESDAY, Dec. 22. Annual Conference of Head Masters of the principal Schools, Clifton (two days). Commercial Travellers' School, Finner, annual dinner, London Tavern, 5.30 p.m.
Westminster Abbey, 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Rev. Canon Conway.	Society of Arts, 8 p.m. (Mr. H. Larkin on a Method of Producing Pure Charcoal Steel directly from the Ore). Royal Society of Literature 8 p.m. (Mr. Vaux, the secretary, on the Origin of the French Language, and on some French Words in English).
St. James's, noon, Rev. Francis Garden, Sub-Dean of the Chapels Royal.	Temple Church, Advent sermon, 8 p.m. (the Rev. Dr. Vaughan, the Master, on the Mission of the Seventy). Quebec Institute, 8 p.m. (Dr. Humphry Sandwith on the Pollu- tion of Rivers).
Whitehall, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., the Rev. F. J. Jayne.	Westminster Play (the "Andria"), 7 p.m.
Savoy, 11.30 a.m., the Rev. W. J. Loffie, Assistant Chaplain of the Savoy; 7 p.m., the Rev. H. Le Bas, preacher of the Charterhouse.	Brown Institution, 8 p.m. (Lecture by Dr. Burdon Sanderson, free).
MONDAY, Dec. 20.	THURSDAY, Dec. 23.
Westminster Abbey, Advent sermon, 3 p.m., the Rev. Professor Plumptre.	Inventors' Institute, 8 p.m. King's College School, distribution of prizes, &c., 7 p.m. (the Lord Mayor in the chair).
Society of Arts, Cantor Lecture, 8 p.m. (Dr. Thudicum on the Disco- veries and Philosophy of Liebig).	FRIDAY, Dec. 24.
Medical Society, 8 p.m.	George I., King of Greece, born, 1815. Quekett Microscopical Club, 8 p.m. St. Michael's, Wood-street, Advent Lecture, evening (the Rev. Gordon Calthrop).
Royal Albert Hall, 8 p.m. ("The Messiah").	Brown Institution, 8 p.m. (Lecture by Dr. Burdon Sanderson, free).
Westminster Play (the "Andria"), 7 p.m.	SATURDAY, Dec. 25.
Brown Institution, 8 p.m. (Lecture by Dr. Burdon Sanderson, free).	CHRISTMAS DAY.
TUESDAY, Dec. 21.	St. Paul's Cathedral, 10.30 a.m., the Very Rev. Dean Church; 3.15 p.m. (no sermon). Westminster Abbey, 10 a.m., the Very Rev. Dean Stanley. St. James's, noon, the Rev. Francis Garden, Sub-Dean of the Chapels Royal. Whitehall, 11 a.m., the Rev. W. F. Erskine Knollys.
St. Thomas the Apostle. Shortest day. Election of Common Councilmen for the city of London. East India Association, 3 p.m. (Rev. James Long on the Present Posi- tion of Turkey in Relation to Indian Interests). St. Paul's Cathedral, lecture to men, 8 p.m. (the Rev. Canon A. R. Ash- well on Civilisation). Pathological Society, 8.30 p.m. Institution of Civil Engineers, 8 p.m. (annual meeting). Young Men's Christian Association, Exeter Hall, 8 p.m. (Mr. Joseph on Religious Song, with illustrations by a choir of 250 voices). Statistical Society, 7.45 p.m. (Mr. J. Dun on an Analysis of the Joint- Stock Banks of the United King- dom).	

THE WEATHER.

RESULTS OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS AT THE
NEW OBSERVATORY OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY.
Lat. 51° 28' 6" N.; Long. 0° 18' 47" W.; Height above Sea 34 feet.

DAY.	DAILY MEANS OF					THERMOM.		WIND.		
	Barometer Corrected	Temperature of the Air	Dew Point	Relative Humidity	Amount of Cloud	Minimum read at 4 a.m.	Maximum read at 4 p.m.	General Direction.	Movement in 24 hours at 10 a.m. next morning.	Force in 24 hours, read at 10 a.m. next morning.
Dec.	30.330	35.4	27.1	75	10	31.6	37.1	WNW. NW.	108	000
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4	30.109	41.7	37.2	85	—	37.3	45.1	WNW.	189	000
5	30.196	37.0	32.3	85	4	30.3	45.3	WSW.	31	000
6	30.119	34.0	32.8	96	9	24.7	37.5	WSW. SE.	175	000

The following are the readings of the meteorological instruments for the
above days, in order, at ten a.m.:—
Barometer (in inches) corrected .. 30.410 30.391 30.322 30.121 30.108 30.236 30.15
Temperature of Air .. 35.2 34.5 34.5 41.6 41.7 37.4 32.0
Temperature of Evaporation .. 33.8 33.6 33.9 39.9 40.0 35.3 31.6
Direction of Wind .. N. NNE. NNE. WNW. WNW. W. SSE

TIMES OF HIGH WATER AT LONDON BRIDGE
FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 25.

Sunday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.	Saturday.
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6 39	7 5	7 32	8 0	8 29	9 0	9 35
10 9	10 19	10 42	11 13	11 41	—	10 7

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LONDON: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1875.

If the future well-being of France were likely to be governed exclusively, or even mainly, by the proceedings of her National Assembly, there would be little to hope concerning it from what has been done during the past week in the election of Senators. Perhaps, however, we are all of us too prone to miscalculate the forces exerted by political action upon the character and condition of national life. France thrives notwithstanding the rival blunders of political parties at Versailles. Her material progress has been almost unchecked ever since her soil was delivered from the burden of foreign military occupation. Socially, morally, and, we think we may add, religiously, she has displayed indisputable signs of improvement. The vast majority of her population, urban and rural, pursue their own objects without any keen regard to what is being accomplished in their name by their legislative representatives. In fact, France, as a nation, prospers. She quietly develops such virtue as is in her, in despite of the quarrels of those who assume the right of guiding her political affairs. The probability seems to be that such may be the case for some time to come. Our neighbours are gradually finding out that the happiness of a people is far more dependent upon themselves than upon their political rulers; that the contests, however keen, between Parliamentary parties and sections of party, and whether they are decided this way or that, affect scarcely more than the surface of affairs; that they resemble a stone cast into the river, which, although it may be followed by circlelets of undulation more or less violent, produces but an inappreciable effect upon the flow of the stream; and that the influence of formal legislation upon the direction and success of individual life, albeit it may sometimes be discernible in the mischief it does, seldom conduces, very visibly at least, to that kind of welfare about which all members of the community are chiefly interested.

The choice of Senators under the Constitutional laws recently passed by the National Assembly has been going on during the past week, and, at the present moment of writing, has not yet been brought to a close. It will be remembered that by the provisions of the law enacted for the constitution of a Second Chamber, it devolves upon the present National Assembly to select seventy-five men who are to be life members of the Senate. A larger proportion of Senators, whose term of office is to be periodical, will be elected by other constituent bodies, not now necessary to be described. The duty assigned to the National Assembly in this matter was one of gravest import. It was hoped that it would be discharged as such, and that, with a view to high public and patriotic motives, the Second Chamber would be mainly composed of the best men in France. This might have been the case. A common list might have been agreed upon by the Right and Left Centres fairly representative of all those shades of political opinion which have gained for themselves, more or less, public recognition in the country. Tentative efforts were made to achieve this concurrent action. The Right and Left Centres, through their several leaders, put themselves into communication one with another to find out how far the experiment might be feasible. The Right Centre—consisting, for the most part, of Orleanist Monarchists, and guided as well as represented to no small extent by M. le Duc de Broglie—flushed with triumph in the recent contest between Scrutin de Liste and Scrutin d'Arrondissement, made the mistake which it has often made before, of asserting exclusive and, we may add, most impolitic demands. It would have all or none. It would fill up its list with members of the Right Centre, with but a merely nominal regard to the claims of those of the Left. In fact, looking to that provision of the Constitutional laws which authorises a revision of them five years hence, it would secure, if possible, a development of the Republic into an Orleanist Monarchy. Of course the Left Centre could not acquiesce in these humiliating terms.

Accordingly, each party sought to do for itself the best it could. The result has been a perfect surprise to the world. The Right Centre, unable to combine with any fraction, either on its own side or on the Left, has been

left to its own intrinsic and unaided strength. Its lists have, therefore, been almost invariably in a minority. Few even of its best men have obtained sufficient votes to carry them into the Senate. In a word, the overbearing and all-grasping spirit which dominated the tactics of the Right Centre has turned out to be an utter and miserable failure. "Vaulting ambition has o'erleapt itself and fallen o' th' other side."

This is much to be regretted. There were many men connected with the Right Centre whose Conservative opinions differed but by a shade from those of nearly an equal number of members of the Left Centre—men of great intellectual ability, of wide political influence, and, generally speaking, of moderation and prudence in the conduct of public affairs—men fairly fitted, both by their character, position, and repute, to take their place amongst the life Senators of France. Not, perhaps, so much by their own fault as by the fault of their leaders, and, we are bound to add, by the vindictive party exclusiveness of the Left, they are left out in the cold. To a slight extent this issue may be modified before the close of the election; but its general effect will be to give to the Left an advantage which the other constituencies of the Senate will probably largely expand. One could have wished that the Second Chamber in France should have been composed of men less distinguished by their party proclivities than by their ability and disposition to render true service to their country. It may be, however, that the victory gained by the Orleanists in regard to the mode of election to the Chamber of Deputies will be beneficially counterbalanced by the defeat inflicted upon them in regard to the election of the Senate. Certainly their prospect of merging a Republican form of Government into a Monarchy has ceased to be promising. What the future may turn up is always problematical, and especially so in France. But the reconstruction of a Throne and the placing of an occupant thereon, whether Legitimist, Orleanist, or Bonapartist, have not been made more feasible by the proceedings of the past week.

It would be presumptuous to speak dogmatically as to what will be the political effect of this surprise upon the coming general election in France. In some respects, it warrants a hope that the mind of the country will be expressed at the polling-booths with sufficient distinctness and decision to put an end, once for all, to struggles on behalf of this or that form of government. France has reason enough to dread another revolution, and the best destiny that can be in store for her during the next few years is to be let alone, and to be permitted by her political chiefs quietly to pursue the pathway of well-being, which commends itself at once to her desires and her judgment.

THE COURT.

The Queen entertained at dinner, at Windsor Castle, on Thursday week, the Right Hon. Gathorne Hardy and Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas and the Hon. Lady Biddulph. Princess Christian left the castle for London, she having dined with her Majesty the previous day. The Duchess of Wellington also left the castle.

The Queen held a Council yesterday week, at which were present the Duke of Richmond, the Right Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote, and Lord John Manners. Mr. Charles Peel was Clerk of the Council. At the Council Parliament was further prorogued from Wednesday last to Tuesday, Feb. 8 next, then to meet for the dispatch of business. The Duke of Richmond and the Chancellor of the Exchequer had audiences.

The Queen, accompanied by the Princess of Wales and Princess Beatrice, visited Princess Christian, on Saturday last, at Cumberland Lodge. Prince Leopold arrived at the castle from Oxford. The Right Hon. Benjamin Disraeli dined with her Majesty. Mr. Theodore Martin left the castle.

On Sunday the Queen, the Princess of Wales, Princess Beatrice, Prince Leopold, and Princes Albert Victor and George of Wales attended Divine service in the private chapel of the castle. The Rev. Francis J. Holland, minister of Quebec Chapel, officiated. The Right Hon. B. Disraeli and Major-General H. F. and the Hon. Mrs. Ponsonby dined with her Majesty.

The Princess of Wales went to London on Monday, returning in the evening. Mr. Disraeli left the castle. The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, Prince Alfred and the infant Princess, and Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) and the Marquis of Lorne arrived at the castle.

Tuesday was the fourteenth anniversary of the death of the lamented Prince Consort. The Queen, the Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, Prince and Princess Christian, Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne), Princess Beatrice, Prince Leopold, Princes Albert Victor and George of Wales, and the Marquis of Lorne went to the mausoleum at Frogmore at half-past eleven. Several of the ladies and gentlemen and Royal servants were present. A special service was performed by the Hon. and Very Rev. the Dean of Windsor. Sir George Elvey, Mus. Doc., and a portion of the choir of St. George's Chapel performed the musical portion of the service. By her Majesty's command, the mausoleum was opened from half-past twelve to three p.m. for the ladies and gentlemen and servants of the household and their families to visit it.

The Hon. Emily Cathcart and the Hon. Harriett Phipps have succeeded the Hon. Caroline Cavendish and the Hon. Evelyn Paget as maids of honour in waiting to her Majesty.

ROYAL CHRISTENING AT WINDSOR CASTLE.

The baptism of the infant Princess, daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, was solemnised at Windsor Castle on Wednesday at half-past eleven o'clock. The household in attendance assembled in the corridor, and those invited to be present in the Green Drawing-Room, and thence were conducted to the chapel. The Hon. and Very Rev. the Dean of Windsor and the Very Rev. the Dean of Westminster took their places within the rails of the communion-table. The sponsors for the infant Princess—viz., the Empress of Russia (represented by the Queen), the Princess of Wales, the Duchess of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha (represented by Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein), the Grand Duke Cesarewitch (represented by his Excellency the Russian Ambassador), and the Duke of Connaught and

Strathearn (represented by Prince Leopold)—were conducted by the Lord Chamberlain to seats at the left side of the altar. The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne), Princess Beatrice, Prince Albert Victor and Prince George of Wales, Prince Christian Victor and Prince Albert of Schleswig-Holstein and the Marquis of Lorne, not being sponsors, were conducted by the Lord Chamberlain to chairs on the right side of the altar. During the entrance of the Royal personages a voluntary was played upon the organ and a hymn was sung, after which the Lord Chamberlain conducted the infant into the chapel, the Princess being carried by the head nurse and attended by Lady Emma Osborne. The infant was placed in the arms of the Queen, who presented her Royal Highness to the Dean of Westminster. The Princess received the names of Marie Alexandra Victoria, after which the Queen received the infant from the Dean and handed her to the nurse, the Princess being, after the service, reconducted from the chapel in the same manner as on entering it, her Majesty returning to the Red Drawing-Room attended as on entering the chapel. Besides the principal members of the Royal household there were also present Colonel the Hon. W. J. Colville, M. Kato-chine, the Rev. Basil Popoff, and Lady Cowell. The choir of her Majesty's private chapel were in attendance, and Mr. W. G. Cusins presided at the organ. Morning dress was worn. The gentlemen of the household wore the Windsor uniform. In consequence of the baptism taking place on the day following the anniversary of the death of the Prince Consort the ceremony was of a strictly private nature.

DEPARTURE OF THE PRINCESS OF WALES FOR DENMARK.

The Princess of Wales, accompanied by Princes Albert Victor and George and Princesses Louisa Victoria and Maud of Wales, left town, on Wednesday evening, en route for Copenhagen. Her Royal Highness travelled by special train (which was under the charge of Mr. John Shaw, general manager of the line) from Charing-cross to Dover, whence she embarked at half-past ten on board the special steamer Samphire for Calais, and thence proceeded to Paris, passing Thursday at the Hôtel Bristol, and leaving in the evening for Hamburg, in order to meet the Queen of Denmark and Princess Thyra. The Princess, with the Queen of Denmark and Princess Thyra, performed the remainder of the journey together, embarking at Trajmund for Copenhagen.

The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh returned to Clarence House, St. James's, on Saturday last, from Gunton Hall, Lord Suffield's seat in Norfolk. The Duke and Duchess, with Prince Alfred and Princess Marie Alexandra Victoria of Edinburgh, returned to Clarence House on Thursday from Windsor Castle. The Duke laid the foundation-stone of the new Grand Opera-House. Their Royal and Imperial Highnesses have arrived at Eastwell Park, Kent.

Princess Christian has signified her intention to distribute the prizes to the successful students of the Windsor Art-Class at the Townhall to-day (Saturday).

The Duke of Cambridge has left Gloucester House for Burton Hall, Thetford, on a visit to Lord Walsingham.

FASHIONABLE MARRIAGES.

The marriage of Lady Margaret Elizabeth Montagu Douglas Scott, second daughter of the Duke of Buccleuch, with Mr. Donald Cameron of Lochiel, M.P. for the county of Inverness, took place on Thursday week in the Duke's private chapel, Dalkeith Park. The bride's dress was of white satin and white brocade velvet, trimmed with Brussels point de gaze; the veil was of the same material, and tufts of orange-blossoms, myrtle, and white heather were disposed on dress and veil. Her ornaments were a pearl necklace and band of diamonds and pearls in her hair (the gift of her father), with diamond and pearl pendant and earrings presented by the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were Lady Mary M. D. Scott, sister of the bride; Lady Ada Home, Lady Florence Montagu, Miss Balfour, and Ladies Cecil and Margaret Kerr, daughters of the Marquis of Lothian; the best man was the Hon. Ronald Leslie Melville. The bridesmaids wore an underskirt and body of turquoise blue silk, over which was a juve of white cashmere, trimmed with fringe and gold braid. Hats of white felt, trimmed with blue velvet and feathers, with a tuft at the side formed of oak-leaves and white heather—the former being the badge of the family of the bridegroom, and the latter of that of the bride. The marriage ceremony, according to the ritual of the English Church, was performed by the Rev. William B. Bushby, B.A., Incumbent of St. Mary's, and the Rev. Severne A. A. Majendie, his Grace's chaplain. After the breakfast the bride and bridegroom left Dalkeith Palace for Langholm Lodge, near Langholm, for the honeymoon. The bride was dressed in a rich dark blue velvet costume, trimmed with silver fox, and hat and muff to match. The bridal gifts were numerous and valuable, including an Indian shawl from the Queen and a breakfast service from Princess Christian. Dalkeith was en fête, and a ball was given in the Corn Exchange to 300 of the tenantry and tradespeople.

SMITHFIELD CLUB CATTLE SHOW.

Our Illustration presents together four of the animals to which prizes were awarded, last week, in the seventy-eighth yearly Christmas Cattle Show of the Smithfield Club, held in the Agricultural Hall at Islington. Those here represented are, first, No. 179 (extra stock), which obtained not only the first prize of £20 and the silver medal, but also the champion's plate, worth £100, and a silver cup—this was a roan ox belonging to Mr. G. Sowerby, of Putteridge Park, Luton, Bedfordshire. The next is No. 128, which gained a first prize in its class, with a silver cup; and the other two are the prize-winners in classes thirteen and the last class. The number of entries was 182 for cattle alone.

Lord F. Cavendish, M.P., has been appointed president of the Yorkshire Agricultural Society for the ensuing year.

The Duke of Richmond presided, on Wednesday, at the annual dinner of the Chichester Cattle Show, and, before distributing the prizes, spoke at considerable length on the subject of the prevailing cattle disease.

Some good practical diaries have been issued by Messrs. Duncan Campbell and Son, of Glasgow; and we are glad to perceive that they continue to issue their handy little monthly diaries, one of which, in its russet-leather case, just fits into one's waistcoat pocket.

Mr. Antrobus, F.S.A., who, as a justice of the peace for Middlesex, and in virtue of many other offices which he holds, writes with authority on the matter, has issued a pamphlet on Training Schools and Training Ships, in which the important work of training boys for the Navy, Army, and mercantile marine is urged with much force and clearness. This small work, which is brimful of valuable information and practical suggestions on the subject, is published by Messrs. S. Austin and Son, Strand.



PRIZE CATTLE AT THE SMITHFIELD CLUB SHOW.



"LA PETITE SUEDOISE."—BY HUGO SALMONSON.

FOREIGN AND COLONIAL NEWS.

FRANCE.

(From our Correspondent in Paris.)

Thursday, Dec. 16.

We have had an exciting week over the elections of future senators by the members of the Versailles Assembly. The result, so far as it has gone, shows the intensity of party feeling and how unstable Parliamentary majorities are in France. A general impression prevailed that the Orleanist candidates would carry everything before them, so confident was the language of the journals inspired by the partisans of the Comte de Paris. The pseudo-Liberals known as the "groupe Lavergne," who waver between the Right and the Left, but vote most frequently with the latter, had, it was known, concluded an alliance with the Orleanists; and everyone, moreover, presumed that the Imperialists would again on this occasion give their support to the Conservative party. But matters have taken an unexpected turn. At the eleventh hour the Republicans concluded an arrangement with several leading Legitimists, who, in their hatred of Orleanism, were ready to make any sacrifice so as to frustrate the projects of M. de Broglie's adherents; and the Bonapartists, moreover, unexpectedly separating themselves from the Right Centre, the defection of the "groupe Lavergne" was neutralised and a majority secured to the Republican candidates. The first day's voting resulted merely in the election of the Duc d'Audiffret-Pasquier and M. Martel—the first, President, and the second, Vice-President, of the Assembly; but on the morrow the victory of the Left became manifest, seventeen out of the nineteen senators returned belonging to their party. Subsequently fourteen additional Republican candidates were elected; while, in accordance with arrangements made with the Legitimists, seven supporters of the Count de Chambord have been chosen members of the future Senate. Yesterday eighteen candidates were elected from the Left, after an animated discussion on the negative resolution of M. Paris that the previous day's voting should be annulled, as it had been contrary to the rules of secret voting.

On their side the Orleanists have gained only three seats, their successful candidates being Generals Changanier and d'Audelle de Paladine and the Duc d'Audiffret-Pasquier, the latter of whom, by his tact and impartiality, had so far won the esteem of all parties that his name figured on the lists of both Right and Left. Among the Republicans who have been successful are Generals Chanzy and Frébault, Admirals Fourichon, Jaurès, and Pothuan, MM. Casimir-Périer, Ernest Picard, Barthélemy St. Hilaire, Laboulaye, Wolewski, Oscar de Lafayette de Maleville, Martel, and Duclerc—the two latter Vice-Presidents of the Assembly. The Count de la Rochette and the Marquis de Francieu are among the seven successful Legitimists, and their alliance with the Thiersists and Gambettists has been the subject of many bitter remarks on the part of disappointed Orleanists and a section of the Count de Chambord's partisans, to whom an alliance with the De Broglie coterie is less repugnant than one with so-called "Communards." M. de la Rochette, after writing a terse, manly letter, in answer to these adverse criticisms, wherein he states that he prefers dealing with avowed enemies rather than with false friends, has given in his resignation as president of the "Light Horse," to which political section the majority of the Count de Chambord's partisans belong.

The Ministry cut but a sorry figure in the recent voting. Most of the members of the Cabinet suffered themselves to be nominated as candidates, but not one has been successful. After the test of the first few days, MM. Buffet and Wallon announced their intention of withdrawing; and the Minister of Agriculture, M. de Meaux, disgusted at the small number of votes that he obtained, had his name abruptly taken off the lists of the Right. General de Cissey and Admiral de Montaignac, respectively Ministers of War and Marine, still figure as candidates, but day after day continue far from the head of the poll. Few regret that ex-Prime Minister de Broglie, who, after overthrowing M. Thiers, so scandalously misgoverned France, has fallen far short of the requisite number of votes to secure his election.

Beyond the senatorial contest, the proceedings of the Assembly—devoted principally to a law regulating the distillation of spirits, have been dull and uninteresting. On Tuesday, however, M. Albert Grévy presented a report on the Press Bill recently introduced by the Government, which has met with such strenuous opposition on the part of Parisian journalists. The report expresses the opinion that the existing legislation is amply sufficient for controlling the press, and recommends the Assembly to raise the state of siege throughout France. The Government on their side ask that the state of siege may be retained in the departments of the Seine, Seine-et-Oise, Rhone, and Bouches du Rhone, and in the city of Algiers.

Apropos of press offences, MM. de Cassagnac and Piel of the *Foys*, and M. Edmond Tarbé of the *Gaulois*, have this week appeared before the Paris Assize Court charged with "exciting to hatred and contempt of the Government" by publishing the violent Bonapartist harangue which M. de Cassagnac recently pronounced before a packed audience at Belleville. The prosecution was conducted by M. Imgarde de Leffemberg, in former times a staunch supporter of the Empire, and the accused defended themselves. M. de Cassagnac's address was especially passionate, and, while pretending that he had never insulted the Republic or the Assembly at Belleville, he artfully contrived by equivocal language to shower all kinds of abuse upon the present régime and the Legislature. The jury acquitted all three defendants, a result that has naturally elated the Imperialists beyond measure, and journalists of all parties have reason to be satisfied with it, since it formally confirms a certain liberty to the press.

Yesterday the new Catholic University was opened.

ITALY.

The Government has asked Parliament for authority to begin works for the improvement of the Tiber without delay. The works consist in thoroughly clearing the bed of the river within the city and cutting a canal through the wide curve the river takes at St. Paul's.

The Italian Geographical Society held its first monthly meeting of the winter session on Sunday.

SWITZERLAND.

The Federal Assembly has elected the Federal Council, which is composed as follows:—M. Welti, of Argovie; M. Schenk, of Berne; M. Scherer, of Zurich; M. Rucionned, of Vaud; M. Heer, of Glarus; M. Bunderwerth, of Thurgovie; and M. Hammer, of Soleure. M. Welti is elected President of the Council for 1876, and M. Heer, Vice-President.

GERMANY.

The Budget Committee of the German Parliament has rejected the Government proposal for the introduction of new taxes. The committee have reduced the estimates by nearly eight millions, making the income to balance the expenditure, and removing the necessity for additional taxation.

In the German Parliament, on Monday, a member asked the Government why the inquiry into the loss of the Deutsch-

land was only to be undertaken by English officials. In reply the Minister stated that the German Government had implicit confidence in the good faith and impartiality of the British authorities, and therefore had no hesitation in leaving the investigation in their hands. Some of the speakers denied the impartiality of the English Courts. On Wednesday the second reading of the new Penal Code was debated, seven clauses being accepted, and a corresponding number rejected. Prince Bismarck had strongly advocated the adoption of certain additional provisions, and the House voted by 144 against 137 the clauses which increase the penalties to be inflicted for disobedience to executive officials.

Count Arnim, in answer to certain statements recently made by Prince Bismarck in the German Parliament, has published a letter in which he denies that he had made false reports or been guilty of malicious disobedience.

DENMARK.

The Government has submitted to the Chambers a bill asking a credit of thirty-three million crowns, spread over six years, for the purpose of strengthening the fortifications and assuring the defence of the kingdom.

AUSTRO-HUNGARY.

The Lower House of the Hungarian Diet has, by 239 against 67 votes, passed the bill raising the income tax. In Monday's sitting of the Lower House the bill authorising the new Rente Loan was read the second time.

TURKEY.

The Sultan's firman ordering the execution of various reforms in Turkey has been published at Constantinople. The reforms are judicial and administrative. All subjects of the Porte, without distinction, are authorised to elect the judges and the members of the provincial councils, and these need not be Mussulmans. No person is to be detained in custody without trial. The taxes are to be lightened and proportioned, and collected, not by the police, but by officials elected by the people. The abolition of forced labour is confirmed. Official positions will be accessible to all. The tax for exemption from military service will only be paid by non-Mussulman subjects between the ages of twenty and forty. All legitimate wishes or complaints may be laid before the Porte by the people.

The Governor-General of Bosnia reports that, finding the insurgents in the Herzegovina were investing the village of Bilana, he sent thither ten battalions, who surprised and routed the enemy. The conflict lasted two days, when the insurgents took to flight, having suffered heavy loss, including eight of their leaders.

An official communication from Constantinople contradicts the rumour that the Government would postpone payment of the January coupon, and a telegram stating that payment was assured has been sent to the representatives of the Porte.

EGYPT.

Messrs. Oppenheim have received from Egypt a telegram, of which the following is a translation:—"At the demand of the English Government the Egyptian ships have been recalled from Zanzibar, and the expedition to Abyssinia will be confined to the exaction of satisfaction, or even to a military demonstration; after which the Egyptian army will return."

AMERICA.

A resolution, discountenancing the idea of a third Presidential term of office, passed the House of Representatives on Wednesday by 232 votes against 18.

A riot between blacks and whites, in which seven of the former were killed, is reported from Vicksburg.

Mr. Samuel Wood, an old citizen and millionaire, has offered to establish a College of Music in New York, and to endow it with five million dollars.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

A telegraphic summary of the Cape news which reached Madeira on Tuesday states that a despatch of Lord Carnarvon has been communicated to the Cape Parliament intimating that the discussion which has taken place in the colony has rendered the conference unnecessary, as an understanding can now be arrived at in England by a meeting of those able to express the views of the different communities. The debate on the subject ended on the 23rd ult. An amendment pledging the House to accept the conference was rejected. Another amendment—to the effect that, Lord Carnarvon's proposal having been withdrawn, there was no need to discuss it further, and that the Government would be willing to assist in a settlement of the Grigoland difficulty—was accepted by the Ministry and carried.

AUSTRALIA.

According to the speech of Mr. Robertson, who, in the absence of the Treasurer, introduced the Budget in the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, the colony is in a highly prosperous condition, a surplus of £1,500,000 being estimated on the current year's receipts and expenditure. It is proposed to borrow three millions of money, mainly for the extension of the railway system, including a project for connecting the port of Sydney with extensive coal-fields about fifty miles off.

CHINA.

We learn from Shanghai that the Government has determined to postpone sending an Embassy to England until next summer.

Anticipative of a possible invasion of Chinese territory on the part of the Japanese, a body of drilled troops is to be dispatched to the province of Corea.

Several lives have been lost by an earthquake which occurred on Sunday at Lahore and in the Peshawar district.

It has been decided to begin the Channel tunnel at St. Margaret's, near Dover, next April, by opening a trial cutting.

The Prince of Orange has accepted the honorary presidency of the Netherlands Committee of the Life-Saving and Sanitary Exhibition, to be held in Brussels.

Twenty persons are reported to have lost their lives at Candia, in consequence of a contest provoked by the refusal of some Mussulmans to allow Christians to enter a church there.

From Cape Coast Castle we have news of fighting between the Ashantees and Diuabins, lasting four days. The latter were defeated and driven from their country. It is expected that they will settle in the Protectorate.

Lieutenant Cameron has been completely successful in his exploration from Central Africa to the West Coast. He reached the mouth of the Congo River on Nov. 19, with fifty-seven followers, all well.

The new iron clipper ship *Western Monarch*, 1315 tons register, Captain Watson, owned by the Royal Exchange Shipping Company (Limited), and built expressly for the passenger trade, sailed yesterday week from Gravesend for Brisbane, with 386 statute adults, six first-class passengers, and general cargo. Previous to departure, the *Western Monarch* was visited by Mr. McAllister, the Premier of Queensland, who expressed his admiration of the vessel and satisfaction with all the arrangements made for the emigrants.

An official telegram from Penang announces that a number of Malays, estimated at from 400 to 800, have been defeated by some men of the 10th Regiment, acting with irregulars and police. The Malays had fortified themselves by stockade within five miles of the Residency. In Perak no opposition is now met with, and no more troops are wanted.

On Jan. 1 next the present exceptional arrangement for charging letters for France by the scale of one third of an ounce will cease, and from that date the provisions of the Postal Union Treaty will be extended to correspondence from the United Kingdom for France, the rates of postage to be levied in this country being as follow:—Letters, 2½d. per half ounce; post-cards, 1½d. each; newspapers, 1d. per four ounces; printed papers, legal and commercial documents, and patterns of merchandise, 1d. two ounces; registration fee, 4d. Unpaid letters from France will be charged 5d. per half ounce on delivery. Simultaneously with this reduction of postage as regards France itself the higher charges which have hitherto been levied on letters, &c., for Italy, Spain, Portugal, Gibraltar, Malta, Greece, and Turkey, and on newspapers and printed papers to Germany and Egypt, via France, to cover the cost of conveyance by that route, will be abolished.

At the fortnightly meeting of the Royal Geographical Society, held on Monday evening, the business consisted of the reading of Mr. O. Stone's paper on the Discovery of the Mai-Kassa, or Baxter River, in New Guinea. Sir Henry Rawlinson, who presided, said the paper would show that Mr. Stone had penetrated one hundred miles into the interior of New Guinea, being a greater distance inland than any that had hitherto been attained. He had the assistance of the London Missionary Society's mission, and of the society's vessel *Ellangowan*, which vessel had been presented to the London Missionary Society by a very benevolent lady, Miss Baxter, of Dundee. The paper having been read, Dr. Mullens, of the London Missionary Society, read letters from Mr. M'Farlane, the society's missionary, who had accompanied Mr. Stone, giving details of the voyage up the Baxter River, and respecting the country and people of New Guinea. Captain Evans, hydrographer to the Admiralty, and one or two other speakers, made observations on the paper.

By the explosion, on Saturday last, of a case containing some inflammable composition on board the steam-ship *Mosel*, which had just embarked her passengers for New York at Bremerhaven, sixty-eight persons have been killed and thirty-five injured. There is a suspicion that the case which caused the catastrophe was being smuggled on board the *Mosel*. Strange rumours are current at Bremen as to this explosion. A diabolical plot is said to have been discovered, the object of which was to blow the vessel up with dynamite on her passage from Southampton to New York, and thus to secure certain heavy insurances effected on the steamer and her cargo. A naturalised American, named Thomassen, who has twice tried to kill himself since the explosion, has made a statement to the police to the effect that he was occupied for a fortnight in filling with explosives a chest in which he had placed clock-work so contrived as to cause an explosion at a given time. This work was carried on in a coach-house situated in the most frequented part of Bremen.

THE CHURCH.

PREFERMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Bairmy, James, to be Vicar of Pittington.
Blathwayt, R.; Minister of Christ Church, Scotland Bay, Isle of Wight.
Church, W. M. H.; Vicar of Hickleton, Doncaster.
Clarke, John Erskine; Honorary Canon in Winchester Cathedral.
Collins, John Martin, Rector of Darenty; Rural Dean of Weedon.
Connor, W. H.; Vicar of St. Nicolas's, Birmingham.
Cornish, Charles Edward; Vicar of South Petherton.
Davis, J. Atkins; Private Chaplain to the Earl of Huntingdon.
England, G. Alexander; Vicar of Warhill, near York.
Eliot, Wm. Nicholas George; Rural Dean of the Western Division of Usk.
Foster, F.; Curate of Monmouth; Vicar of Llanfrechfa.
Garbett, Edward; Honorary Canon in Winchester Cathedral.
Gardner, G. E.; sinecure Rector of Hazlebury, Wilts.
Harwood, T. E.; Curate of Thornhill, Yorkshire; Vicar of Old Windsor.
Hemmig, G. S.; Curate of Bath Abbey and Chaplain of Bath United Hospital.
Henderson, T. J.; Rector of Heywood; Surrogate.
Hoare, Richard; Vicar of St. James's, Holloway.
Holegrove, William; Vicar of Henlow.
Izard, Percy Phillipson; Rector of Morestead.
Lake, Henry A.; Curate of Cuddesdon; Vicar of Castle Hedingham.
Lewis, James; Vicar of Llanilar and Rector of Rhosire, Cardigan.
Lloyd, John; Rural Dean of the North-Western Division of Abergavenny.
Ommaney, George Druce Wynne; Perpetual Curate of Draycott.
Parry, Henry Hutton; Curate of Monkton Farley, Wiltshire.
Robinson, W. Kay; Rector of Walwyn's Castle.
Simpson, Alexander G. K.; Vicar of Wilton, near Redcar, Yorkshire.
Smallwood, G. A.; Vicar of Holy Trinity, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.
Smith, Stuart C. F. Angel; Chaplain of New College, also Chaplain of Christ Church, Oxford.
Whitling, Robert, C. S.; Vicar of Otterford, Somerset.—*Guardian*.

Dr. Douglas, Bishop of Bombay, a nephew of the Marquis of Queensberry, died on Tuesday.

The Deanery of Ripon has been conferred on the Rev. Sidney Turner, the younger son of the late Sharon Turner, the historian of the Anglo-Saxons.

Dr. J. D. Collis, the Vicar of Stratford-on-Avon, has issued an appeal on behalf of the restoration of the church of the Holy Trinity. He wants £10,000 to restore the fabric of Shakespeare's church as Shakespeare saw it, and £4000 or £5000 more to fit up the interior properly.

A testimonial has been presented to the Rev. Dr. Finch by the parishioners of St. James's, Garlick-hite, in the diocese of London, and a few friends connected with the adjacent parishes, consisting of a valuable watch and chain and a purse of gold, in appreciation of his earnest attention to his duties whilst curate-in-charge of that parish.

From a report made by Sir Gilbert Scott, in reply to certain inquiries made by Sir Edward Beckett, relative to the condition of the south arcade wall of St. Alban's Abbey, it appears that this part of the building is in need of "immediate and serious attention," and Sir Edward Beckett has offered the munificent sum of £1000 towards the same. Lady Beckett also offers £200.

A pastoral letter from the Bishop of Winchester to the clergy of his diocese was issued on Saturday, its title being "The Position and Parties of the English Church," consisting of about seventy pages of matter. It deals with the serious difficulties of the present day regarding the National Church, and this with singular breadth and marked impartiality.

Dr. Tristram, the Chancellor of the Diocese of London, in giving judgment in the case of the "Rev. J. H. Rose v. the Rev. W. Holderness," held that the Ecclesiastical Court had no jurisdiction to decide whether the election to the vicarage of Clerkenwell was valid or invalid. The estate being vested in trustees, the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice would settle the matter.

A crowded meeting of the inhabitants of Portsmouth, presided over by the Mayor, was held on Tuesday night, when, after much uproar, a resolution in favour of adopting the Public Libraries Act in that borough was lost.

ECHOES OF THE WEEK.

In connection with the unutterably repulsive trial, inappropriately termed by the eminent presiding Judge "a great case"—was Greenacre's a great case?—and concerning which infinitely too much has been said and written, there is certainly something remarkable in the coincidence of names between that of the hideous murderer now awaiting his doom and that of Captain Wainwright who, during the American Civil War, commanded the blockade-runner *Harriet Lane*. But there is another Wainwright—mark that it is spelt with an "e"—whose abhorrent name has recently been redragged into publicity. This was the notorious "Janus Weathercock" of the *London Magazine*, the associate of Charles Lamb, Hazlitt, Barry Cornwall, and other famous wits and scholars. He was a kind of artist, a kind of critic, and he used mysteriously to hint sometimes that he had been an officer in the Army; but I believe that his real profession was that of a surgeon. It has been stated that this Wainwright was the hero (!) of Charles Dickens's novelette of "Hunted Down," a production which I have never read; but it is certain that the abominable career of "Janus" Wainwright—artist, dandy, surgeon, critic, and poisoner—furnished the late Lord Lytton with the materials for many startling chapters in his splendid but unwholesome romance of "Lucretia; or, the Children of Night."

But I like facts; and here is one culled from a book called "The Life and Writings of Henry Fuseli, Esq., M.A., R.A.," edited by the late John Knowles, F.R.S. Fuseli died in 1825, and was buried very sumptuously in St. Paul's Cathedral. Among the occupants of the eight mourning-coaches that followed the hearse I find the names of Sir Thomas Lawrence, P.R.A., Sir William Beechey, R.A., A. E. Chalon, R.A., William Mulready, R.A., Lord Janus Stewart, M.P., Samuel Rogers, William Young Ottley, B. R. Haydon, and T. G. Wainwright, Esq. The poisoner must have had some sort of standing in society to have found himself on such an occasion in such distinguished company. With respect to the visit paid to Wainwright in Newgate by Macready and Dickens, Lord Lytton—then Sir Edward Bulwer—was, if I mistake not, of the company. I remember Mr. Dickens narrating to his guests, at one of the memorable "little dinners" at the office of *Household Words*, in 1852—the late Inspector Field was among the *convives*—the whole story of "Janus Weathercock Wainwright," and with wonderful dramatic force and effect did the illustrious novelist tell the dismal tale. There was an episode in it which I do not think has as yet been made public. There was an indictment for murder against Wainwright; but the law officers of the Crown who were prosecuting, foreseeing some technical difficulties in bringing the capital crime home to him, gave the prisoner to understand that if he would plead guilty to a transportable felony, the more serious charge against him would be withdrawn. With much alacrity he did plead guilty; and it was as a convict under sentence of transportation for life that he was found in the cells of Newgate by Dickens, Macready, and—I think—Bulwer. Commiserating his miserable condition, some interest was made for him in powerful quarters by at least one of the gentlemen I have mentioned, and the then Home Secretary showed himself not indisposed to extend some indulgences to the culprit during his passage out to Botany Bay; but just before the vessel started there was found among Wainwright's belongings a roll of parchment on which the monster had carefully engrossed the names of several ladies whose lives he had assured, and whom he had poisoned for the sake of the insurance money. Opposite each victim's name was glued a lock of her hair. It may easily be imagined that the Home Secretary very speedily changed his mind with regard to Mr. T. G. Wainwright, and that the scoundrel started for the antipodes arrayed in a suit of the heaviest fetters that could be forged. He managed, however, to get a conditional pardon some time after his arrival at Sydney. Returning to the most harmless of his old vocations, he earned a precarious livelihood as a painter of portraits; but he fell into habits of intemperance, died miserably, and filled a pauper's grave.

We will have no more horrors, if you please. Away with melancholy. I observe with very great pleasure that it is proposed to present a testimonial to Señor Manuel Garcia. The chairman of the fund is Lord Coleridge, and among the names of the subscribers I find those of the Marquis of Ely, Lord Calthorpe, Professor Tyndall, Mr. Alfred de Rothschild, Mr. Walter Macfarren, Mr. Millais, Mr. Gruneisen, Mrs. Grote, and many other shining lights of society. But the gentleman who inserted the testimonial advertisement in the *Times* newspaper would, I think, have acted more wisely had he enlightened us with a little more particularly as to Señor Manuel Garcia's claims to a tribute of public gratitude. There are so many testimonials nowadays; the public has a very short memory, and the cognomen of the gentleman whom it is intended to testimonialise is by no means an uncommon one. I have known a President of a South American Republic, an eminent bull-fighter, and a renowned manufacturer of cigars at Havannah all bearing the appellation of Manuel Garcia. The gentleman mentioned in the *Times*, who most richly deserves the testimonial which is to be presented to him, is, I apprehend, the son of the famous tenor singer Emanuel Garcia, the brother of the lamented Marie Malibran de Berriot and of Madame Pauline Viardo Garcia. This Señor Manuel Garcia has been domiciled among us for more than thirty years, and he may be accounted one of the most accomplished musicians and one of the greatest singing masters this generation has seen. It is good to bestow laurels; but it is better to ascertain the reason why the wreath should be bestowed.

Another flying-machine. Never, I think, were there such enthusiastic folk as those who strive to emulate the deed of Icarus. This time I notice that a much-aspiring individual named Simmonds has been essaying aerial navigation, with the co-operation of the officers of the Royal Engineers, at Chatham Lines. The apparatus is constructed to rise, by means of the wind alone, to any required height, and to take up one or more persons, so as to enable them to extend their view over a large surface of country. So far as I can make out from the technical details given in the newspapers, the machine seems to be a combination of a gigantic umbrella and a colossal kite. The trial was made on Wednesday. The machine was raised much in the same way as a kite—a number of soldiers dragging it along at a run by means of a long rope, bags of sand being used as ballast (as it happened very fortunately) to represent the persons who were to survey a large expanse of country. After attaining an altitude of about 100 feet the machine suddenly came to the ground with a huge crash, breaking away some portions, and suffering other damages. Experiments were then made with another and smaller machine; but with equally unsatisfactory results. *Sic itur ad astra*, my first recollection of a flying-machine dates from the year 1837. It was projected by a volatile French gentleman. Large lithographs of the "aerial ship" filled the shop windows, and many persons purchased tickets for the passage, which was to be from Dover to Calais. But the volatile French gentleman took to flight before his aerial machine began to fly. Then

there was the bona-fide air navigator of Mr. Stringfellow, which was exhibited at Cremorne Gardens in 1849; and I honestly confess that in 1850 I did a little business myself in the flying-machine line in conjunction with the late Lieutenant Gale, R.N. We tried our model at Birmingham, Hull, and other provincial towns; and it flew very nicely indeed—upon wires. About that time there was resident in this metropolis a Mr. Frederick Marriott, who was quite confident of being enabled to fly from London to San Francisco. He is now, I believe, the proprietor of the *San Francisco Newsletter*, and I notice that he periodically proclaims his intention of flying from California to England. Let not Mr. Simmonds think that I have the slightest intention of ridiculing his persevering and dauntless efforts. He intends to try and try again, and expresses himself as sanguine of the ultimate success of his invention. I wish him luck; and I thoroughly believe that the secret of aerial navigation will be discovered some day—the same day, perchance, on which Mr. Vernon Heath will forward to the office of this Journal a naturally-coloured photograph landscape, the autumnal tints of which shall be rendered in all their rich variety of hue; and when Professor Tyndall shall have discovered the means of abrogating the mysterious miasma known as the London fog. Nothing is impossible, but "life is short and art is long."

I wish the critics would leave Mr. Wills, the dramatist, alone. Surely a writer of plays is entitled to take what liberties he likes with mere matter-of-fact, dry-as-dust history. For example, a friend of mine is writing a new version of the tragedy of Boadicea, the title-role of which he intends to submit to the acceptance of Miss Genevieve Ward. According to history, the ill-treated Queen of the Jansi had two daughters, who shared in the misfortunes of their parent. In my friend's tragedy Boadicea has but a solitary child—Princess Guinevere—who, after the lamented death of her mamma at the battle of Pentonville-hill, marries a British chief named Arthur, migrates to America, and lives happily ever afterwards. To my mind we should be thankful to Mr. Wills for having presented George Villiers, Duke of Buckingham, to us under circumstances of which certainly neither Pope nor Dryden, nor Butler, nor even Sir Walter Scott ever dreamt. My only quarrel with one of the most poetic and pathetic playwrights of the age is that he has missed two very curious episodes in the career not of the second, but of the first, Duke of Buckingham, both of which seem to me to lend themselves in an especial degree to dramatic embodiment. Let Mr. Wills read the tale, by M. Alexandre Dumas the elder, entitled "Les Sept Baisers de Buckingham." Then let him peruse the fascinating chapter in Clarendon's "History of the Rebellion" in which are narrated the romantic adventures in Spain of Prince Charles (afterwards Charles I.) and "Stenie," otherwise Buckingham. I shall be very much surprised if in one or both of these "plots" Mr. Wills did not find materials for an admirable drama.

A public meeting, called by the Mayor of Manchester, has been held in that wealthy and enlightened city in order to co-operate with the committee formed in London, under the presidency of Mr. Disraeli, for the purpose of raising a suitable national memorial of Byron. At this meeting a letter was read from Mr. Richard Edgecumbe, the indefatigable honorary secretary of the fund, announcing that the Government of King George of Greece had promised the committee a sufficient quantity of Pentelic marble for "any statue which England may desire to erect in honour of one whose memory is dear to Greece." A resolution affirming the decision of the original Byron Committee that a statue of the poet should be erected in some conspicuous place in London was unanimously passed, and a local committee was formed to collect subscriptions. If half a dozen provincial cities were to set their shoulders to the wheel after the manner of Manchester, the objects which the London Byron Memorial Committee have at heart would very speedily be accomplished.

It may be remembered that the famous French painter, Gustave Doré, was present at the banquet given by Lord Mayor Stone last summer to the members of the Royal Academy, and to other representatives of art; and that one of the after-dinner speakers, returning thanks vicariously for M. Doré's health, incidentally mentioned that the artist was engaged upon the illustration of Coleridge's wonderful poem, the "Ancient Mariner." I am gratified to observe that the speaker's forecast has been realised, and that a folio volume containing forty illustrations by Gustave Doré of this marvellous lyric is on the eve of publication. One can well imagine how the great draughtsman will render the amazing scene of the ship in the ice; of the horrible calm, when the "blood-red sun rose in the hot and copper sky;" when the deep rotted, and "slimy things did crawl with legs upon the shiny sea." A very grand composition, no doubt, will be that of the mariner himself, with the albatross which he had shot hung round his guilty neck; still it puzzles me to determine what the artist will do with the wedding guest beating his breast when he hears the loud bassoon. However, it is in the nature of genius to surmount difficulty; and Gustave Doré can scarcely fail to be poetic, picturesque, and powerful, in illustrating Samuel Taylor Coleridge.

G. A. S.

Lady Gomm has presented a hundred guineas to the Royal School for Daughters of Officers of the Army, in memory of the late Field-Marshal Sir William Gomm.

The Belfast Town Council on Monday passed resolutions sanctioning the borrowing of £220,000 from the Bank of England, repayable by twenty equal yearly instalments, to assist in repaying off the purchase money for the Belfast Gasworks, bought some time since by the Corporation.

A gentleman living in the district of Wanganui, New Zealand, has forwarded, through the London branch of the Bank of New South Wales, £500 to the National Life-Boat Institution to establish a life-boat on the Scotch coast. He requests that the life-boat may be named the Peep o' Day, and the gift entered as from "A Scot Abroad."

A great Liberal gathering took place at Sheffield, on Wednesday evening, on the occasion of the opening of a Liberal Association in that town. Mr. Robert Leader presided, and amongst those present were the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., Mr. Stansfeld, M.P., Mr. Mundella, M.P., Mr. H. Richard M.P., and Mr. S. D. Waddy, M.P. Lord Hartington gave a powerful address on the position and prospects of the Liberal party.

At a synod held in St. Andrew's Church, Brechin, on Tuesday, Bishop Jermyn was unanimously elected to the Bishopric of Brechin, in the room of the late Bishop Forbes. Bishop Jermyn, who was ordained in 1842, was for some time Archdeacon of St. Christopher, West Indies. For twelve years, from 1858 till 1870, he was Rector of Nettlecombe, in Somersetshire, and was Vicar of Barking in 1871. He was consecrated Bishop of Colombo in 1872, but resigned last year through bad health.

METROPOLITAN NEWS.

The annual dinner of the Urban Club was given yesterday week at St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, under the presidency of Sir John Bennett.

The Merchant Taylors' Company have made a grant of 50 gs., and the Vintners' Company a grant of 10 gs., in aid of the North Eastern Hospital for Children, Hackney-road.

The metropolitan Christmas cattle market took place on Monday, when the number of beasts on sale was 7600, as compared with 6500 last year.

The following Fellows have been appointed Vice-Presidents of the Royal Society for the ensuing year:—Mr. William Spottiswoode, M.A.; Professor J. Couch Adams, LL.D.; Captain F. J. O. Evans, R.N.; Dr. A. C. Gunther, M.A.; and Dr. W. Pole, C.E.

At a meeting of the committee of the Mansion House Inundations Relief Fund, on Tuesday, it was announced that the fund amounted to £17,000, and, acting upon the suggestion of Mr. W. Morley, the committee determined to close the subscription list.

There was a serious disturbance, last Saturday evening, on Hackney Downs, where feeling has been for a long time past running high against the inclosure of certain parts of the land by the lord of the manor. All the wooden posts and iron rails set up by him in the assertion of his right were pulled down.

Columbia Market was reopened on Wednesday, under the management of a joint committee of the Great Eastern, Great Northern, and Midland Railway Companies, for the sale of meat, poultry, fish, fruit, vegetables, and articles of a miscellaneous character.

A conversazione of the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society was held, on Wednesday night, in the hall of the Ironmongers' Company, in Fenchurch-street. Invitations to the number of 1200 had been issued, and a large proportion of those invited were present.

The Westminster play this year is the "Andria" of Terence, always a favourite comedy with the students of St. Peter's College. On Wednesday evening the first of the three accustomed performances was given in Dormitory. The second representation of the comedy is fixed for the 20th inst., and the third for the 22nd inst.

Marshal M'Mahon, the President of the French Republic, has conferred upon Mr. Alderman Stone, late Lord Mayor, the rank and decoration of a Commander of the Legion of Honour. The Lord Chancellor has appointed Mr. Alderman Stone a justice of the peace for the borough of Hastings, near which place Mr. Stone's residence is situated.

A meeting of the managers of the Hospital Sunday Fund was held at the Mansion House yesterday week, presided over by the Lord Mayor, at which the reports of the council, which have already been published, were adopted. Another meeting is to be held on the 22nd inst., when the date of next year's Hospital Sunday will be fixed.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company, last week, Colonel Holland, who presided, referred to the visit of the Prince of Wales to India, which had imposed a heavy task upon railway officials in Bombay. The arrangements for the conveyance of his Royal Highness and the numerous native chiefs had, however, been admirably carried out.

Some misunderstanding appears to prevail as to the Bank Holiday after Christmas this year, and the consequent dates at which bills will fall due. Christmas falls on Saturday, and the following Monday will be kept as the statutory Bank Holiday. All bills, therefore, which fall due on the Saturday or Sunday will be payable on the Friday, and those which fall due on Monday will be payable on Tuesday.

The weekly return of metropolitan pauperism shows that the total number of paupers last week was 86,236, of whom 36,192 were in workhouses and 50,044 received outdoor relief. Compared with the corresponding weeks in 1874, 1873, and 1872, these figures show a decrease of 8763, 17,743, and 22,070 respectively. The number of vagrants relieved on the last day of the week was 547, of whom 405 were men, 121 women, and 21 children under sixteen.

A meeting of the City committee for the promotion of a national training-school for music was held, on Monday, in the Venetian Parlour of the Mansion House. The Lord Mayor presided. Mr. Causton announced that the Skinners' Company had resolved to found one scholarship for five years. The Lord Mayor added that nearly sixty scholarships of £40 each had been contributed, and only forty more were necessary to be founded before the opening of the school. The Duke of Edinburgh, he added, would attend a meeting in the Egyptian Hall, in aid of the school, at the end of next month.

The effects of the recent severe weather are clearly shown in the Registrar-General's return this week. The number of births registered in London last week was 2432, and of deaths 1856. Allowing for increase of population, the births exceeded by 141, and the deaths by 117, the average numbers in the corresponding week of the last ten years. The deaths referred to diseases of the respiratory organs, which in the eight preceding weeks had slowly increased from 194 to 391, rose last week to 536, and exceeded the corrected average number in the corresponding week of the last ten years by 71: 342 resulted from bronchitis, and 132 from pneumonia. There were 69 deaths from measles, 163 from scarlet fever, 13 from diphtheria, 75 from whooping-cough, 26 from different forms of fever, 17 from diarrhoea, and not one from smallpox. Six deaths from fractures and contusions were caused by horses or vehicles in the streets. In Greater London 2915 births and 2182 deaths were registered.

The foundation-stone of the National Opera-House, on the Thames Embankment, was laid, on Thursday, by the Duke of Edinburgh, in the presence of 1500 persons. An address, signed by Mr. Mapleson and read by Sir James Hogg, M.P., was presented to his Royal Highness before the stone-laying, to which he made a graceful reply. Among those present were the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs of the city of London; Sir James Hogg, K.C.B., chairman, and Mr. G. B. Richardson, vice-chairman, of the works committee; Mr. Newton, and other members of the Metropolitan Board of Works, by whom the ground was granted to Mr. Mapleson, and many well-known musicians. While the guests were assembling the band of the Coldstream Guards, under the direction of Mr. Fred Godfrey, played a selection of music, in which the composers of England, France, Germany, and Italy were represented. When his Royal Highness had declared the stone to be "well and duly laid" a photograph was taken of the group on the platform. In the stone, which will form part of the inner wall of the grand vestibule, were placed a copy of each of the morning's London newspapers and one of each of the coins of the realm, all of which, with the exception of the crown, had been brought fresh from the Mint.



RESCUE OF THE SURVIVORS OF THE DEUTSCHLAND BY THE HARWICH STEAM-TUG LIVERPOOL.—(SEE PAGE 611.)

NATIONAL SPORTS.

The general prognostications of an exceptionally severe winter appear likely to be realised, and though the Warwick programme was brought off in its entirety, and the flat-racing season thus closed without interruption, yet the Croydon Meeting, the first cross-country fixture of the year, had to be postponed until the very last days on which the nominations would have held good. Under these circumstances the sport proved far better than could have been anticipated; still the promoters of the meeting must have suffered considerable loss, and the question of bets has given rise to much discussion and disagreement, most of the bookmakers declaring them to be off, while backers who had supported their fancies at long prices naturally wished them to stand. Much is to be said on both sides of the question; but in Harvester's year, when a similar postponement took place, all bets were declared off, and we are inclined to think that a similar course will be adopted on the present occasion. Several who would have started for the Great Metropolitan Steeplechase had it been run on the day originally appointed did not come to the post, so the number of competitors was reduced to nine. Coureuse de Nuit (11 st. 12 lb.), who has run so well in France for the last two seasons, and Goldfinder (11 st. 12 lb.), the winner of the great steeplechase at Sandown Park in the spring, were the most fancied, while Shifnal (10 st. 8 lb.) and Little Tom (11 st. 1 lb.) were also heavily backed. Furley (11 st. 7 lb.) showed a great deal of temper prior to the start, and persistently refused a flight of hurdles; but Mr. G. Moore finally got him over, and he ran kindly enough in the race, and, taking the lead at the last hurdle, beat the French mare cleverly by a length. Shifnal, who had been crossed and knocked over by Coureuse de Nuit when close home, was a poor third, and nothing else passed the post. The feature of the second day's racing was the hollow victory of Chandos (12 st. 7 lb.) in the Grand National Handicap Hurdle-Race, in which Hampton (11 st.), the winner of the Great Metropolitan, was second, and it is clear that he has taken very kindly to jumping. Chandos could probably beat any horse in the world across four miles of country, and it will be almost impossible to handicap him out of hurdle-races. This is not surprising when we remember his numerous victories on the flat, and that, though it was the fashion to call him a mere T.Y.C. horse, just before Doncaster shot to the front in the Derby of 1873, there was many a shout of "Chandos wins!" as he led the whole field past the bell.

The Sandown Park Meeting, which ought to have come off last week, also suffered from an enforced postponement; and the ground was so hard on Tuesday last that a start could not be made until late, and part of the programme had to be carried over to the following day. Of course a weight-for-age Maiden Hurdle-Race was a mere gift for Chandos; but it was too much to expect him to come out in the very next race and win under such a crushing weight as 13 st. 5 lb. It is pretty clear, however, that he would have been a good third had not Jewitt wisely stopped him when success was hopeless. In the last race Breach of Promise gave Lord Marcus Beresford a very nasty fall, and, though no bones were broken, his Lordship was very severely shaken, and is still confined to his bed. Coureuse de Nuit (11 st. 10 lb.) was once more very heavily supported for the Great Sandown Steeplechase, it being supposed that the severe course would suit her better than the easy fences and heavy going at Croydon. For about the first time in her life, however, she refused, and half the field followed her bad example; and as Shifnal (10 st. 6 lb.), who was strongly fancied, fell, the way was pretty well cleared for Regal. Captain Machell has been extraordinarily successful in jumping events this season, and we understand that in future he will turn his attention mainly to this branch of sport. He possesses in Regal a really good horse, who, being only a four-year-old, gives promise of a distinguished career "between the flags."

Coursing men have also been "frozen out;" and as, at the time of writing, the Brigg meeting has not been concluded, we shall defer an account until next week. Mr. R. Clementson had his third annual sale of saplings at Aldridge's on Saturday last. His kennel has recently suffered very severely from distemper, and the prices were not so good as usual in consequence; still, six puppies by Magnano—Got the Jumps averaged more than twenty guineas.

The billiard season has now fairly commenced, and on Monday next John Roberts, jun. (champion) will have to defend his title against W. Cook. The match will be played at St. James's Hall.

An international football-match, under Rugby rules, took place, on Monday, at Rathmines, near Dublin, between teams composed of representatives of the principal English and Irish clubs. The English team was victorious by one goal and one try.

On Tuesday the first exhibition of sporting and other dogs at the Alexandra Palace was opened under the management of the Kennel Club. The amount offered in prizes exceeded £1000, and the Prince and Princess of Wales exhibited largely and took several prizes. All the arrangements were exceedingly good.

About a thousand members of the National Reform Union met in conference at Manchester on Wednesday, and passed a resolution declaring that the time had arrived when their programme should be revised, and their operations extended.

"LA PETITE SUEDOISE."

This rustic little maiden, in the comfortable dress of the Swedish female peasantry, caressing her pet bird while she rests from harmless play beneath the hedge of a field or meadow, perhaps belonging to her father, could talk to us glibly enough, no doubt, if we understood the Swedish language, and if—she were able to speak. Mr. Salmson has, in all likelihood, met her very often, and has an intimate knowledge of her ways of thought and moods of feeling. The brooch, and rosary of large glass beads like an imitation of pearls, used to be a favourite ornament of the sex in that country; and it may long continue to be so, where fashion does not rapidly or frequently change, and where the tradition or actual inheritance of an innocent bit of finery descends from mother to daughter, perhaps for several tranquil generations. The little girl's hair is cut short across the forehead, in a manner which has lately been adopted for little girls in England; but we are free to say that we do not like this particular fashion.

THE SWAITHE COLLIERY DISASTER.

The explosion on Monday week at the Swaithe Main Colliery, three miles from Barnsley, which destroyed the lives of nearly 130 men and boys, was referred to in our leading article in the last Number of this Journal. There were other disasters of the same kind at Methley, near Leeds; at the Alexandra Pit, near Wigan; near Cardiff; at Tredegar, and Monmouthshire. The Swaithe Pit, as was stated in our brief account, has an underground connection with St. Edmund's Main, where, exactly thirteen years ago (in December, 1862), a similar explosion killed fifty-seven persons. The proprietors of both collieries are Messrs. Mitchell, Bartholomew, and Tyas; the first named, Mr. John Mitchell, is the acting manager. The shaft of the Swaithe pit is 240 ft. deep. About 300 workpeople went down at six o'clock in the morning; the explosion took place at half-past nine. Mr. Mitchell himself, with a few men, descended first to see what had happened. Other exploring parties were led by Mr. James Wilson and Mr. Robert Miller, managers of neighbouring collieries. Fifteen dead bodies were got up on the evening and night, and were laid out in the sawing-shed; others were found and brought up next day, or during the week, to the number of 122. Many of them were frightfully burnt or mangled, or their bones shattered by the force with which they had been dashed against the sides of the workings. It is believed that several bodies yet remain in the north levels. Our Artist went down the pit and saw the men below engaged in fetching out the scorched and mutilated corpses, as is shown in one of his sketches of this lamentable affair. Most of them were buried in the Barnsley Cemetery, or that of Worsborough Dale.

The managers and engineers of the other collieries in South Yorkshire were very friendly and active with their offers of help. Mr. Macdonald, M.P., Mr. Burt, M.P., Mr. Davies, M.P., and Mr. Thomas Halliday joined in offering their assistance. The work of exploring was done by a very able band of volunteers, which included Mr. Jerrard, the Assistant Government Inspector; Mr. Higson, the consulting mining engineer of Manchester; Mr. Wilson, the Oaks; Mr. Miller, Strathford Collieries; Mr. Mason, manager of the South Yorkshire Coal and Iron Companies Colliery; Mr. Dolman, manager of the Darton Hall Colliery; Mr. Peak, assistant to Mr. Miller, and the manager of the Corton-wood Colliery.

The council of the South Yorkshire Miners' Association have resolved to request the National Association of Miners to take up the question of explosions in coal pits, and to urge upon the Government the necessity for further legislation on the subject.

It has been ascertained that the total loss of life by this explosion will be under 130. Of course, many families have been thrown into destitution. It will be interesting to know how the funds raised on the occasion of the Oaks Colliery explosion, in 1866, have been applied. The total sum raised was £48,000, and the balance of £34,000 still remains. There are still 288 persons receiving aid from the fund, and of these twenty-one are in industrial homes receiving assistance. The scale of relief hitherto adopted has been for widows 6s. per week, and children 2s., with a provision that upon remarriage a widow shall receive a marriage portion of £10 and cease to be chargeable upon the fund. The children, until they attain the age of thirteen, are still supported; and provision is made for funeral expenses in case of death. A salaried accountant, Mr. G. W. Atkinson, is employed at Barnsley to keep the books connected with the fund.

THE VOLUNTEERS.

A brilliant company assembled at Willis's Rooms, on Thursday week, to witness the distribution of prizes won during the past year by the members of the St. George's, and also to participate in the pleasures of a ball that followed.

Prizes were distributed to two metropolitan corps on Saturday last. At the Guildhall the Lord Mayor gave the rewards to the men of the 3rd City of London; and at Beaufort House Lord Ranelagh, the commander of the South Middlesex, presided over a similar gathering.

At Wormwood-scrubbs the gold champion badge of the 36th Middlesex was won last week by Sergeant R. A. Hancock.

The 37th Middlesex competed for their battalion challenge cup, which was won by Corporal Howes. Company challenge cups were won by Drummer Hill, Private Millar, Corporal Howes, and Sergeant Woolford. A snider rifle was won by Corporal Stevens and a telescope by Private Millar. The nursery cup and £5, for teams of ten men from each company, was won by No. 6 company.—This evening the Lord Mayor will present the prizes to the 37th at the Freemasons' Hall.

Last Saturday B and D companies of the 26th Surrey competed for their annual prizes at Wimbledon. The winners in B company were Messrs. Wickes, Coleman, Richards, Tipper, M'Ewan, Povey, Sadleir, Rice, Mills, and James; in D company Messrs. Osborne, Dowden, Seabrook, Boundy, Hannant, Nash, Stokoe, and Birkett.

The Greenwich Rifle Corps (13th Kent), which is a component part of the 1st Kent Administrative Battalion, met at the Trafalgar, Greenwich, on Wednesday week, where an elegant dinner was provided. Sergeant-Major Baker, who was leaving the corps, received a testimony of regret at his departure. He has been with the battalion fifteen years. The prizes were afterwards presented.

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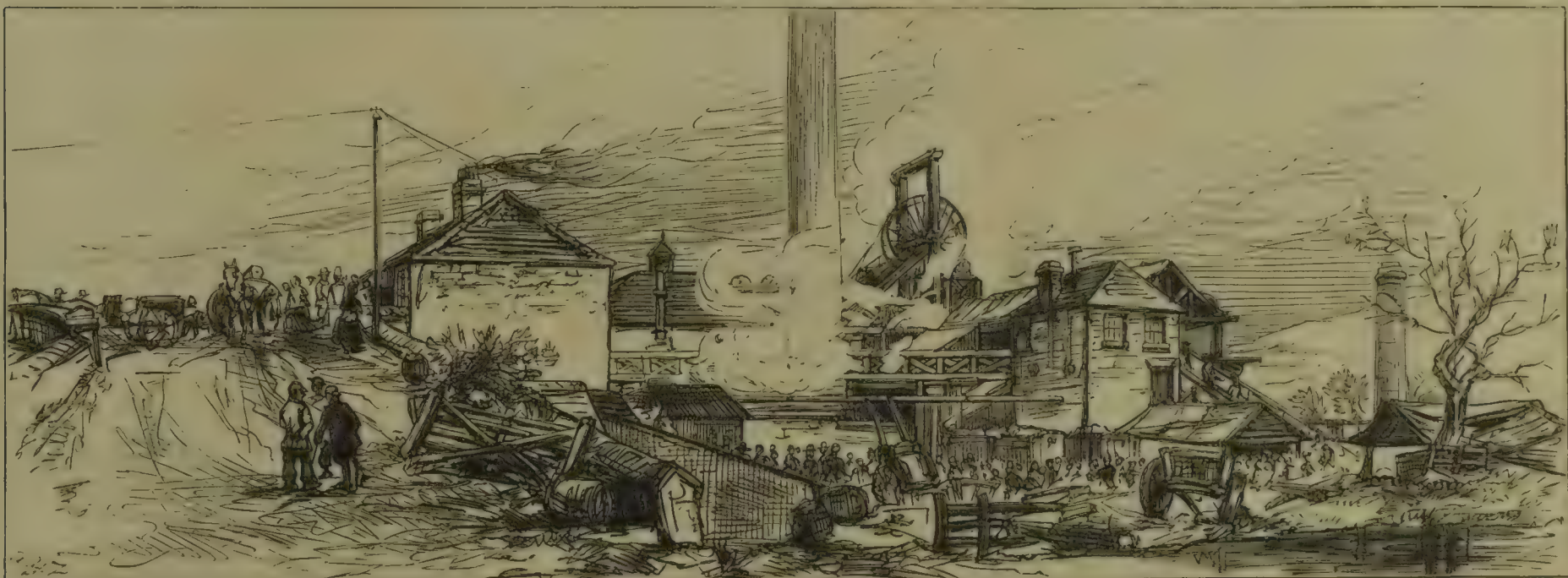
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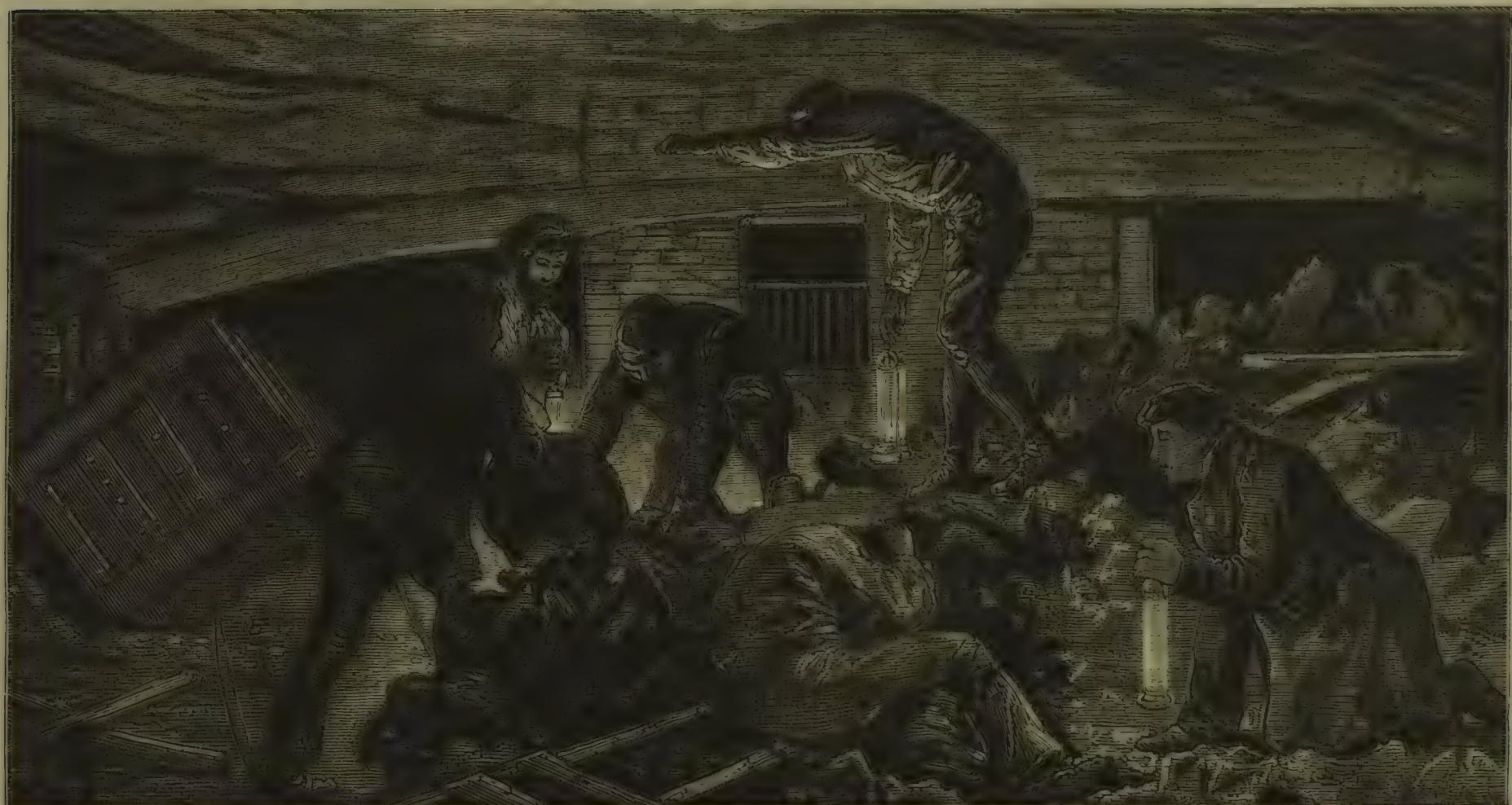
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FINE ARTS.

The extraordinary or biennial distribution of premiums to successful students of the Royal Academy of Arts took place on the 11th inst.—the one hundred and seventh anniversary of the foundation of that institution. The President, Sir Francis Grant, presided, and in an address to the students said that in the opinion of the members of the Royal Academy the competition of this year was an unusually good one. The competition for sculpture was especially so, and that for historical painting was also most satisfactory. The Academy had decided this year to grant a second scholarship in the sculpture and historical painting competitions. There was also so much merit in the competitive landscapes for the Turner gold medal that the Academy had decided upon granting to the second best a silver medal. The Academy had further resolved that in future, in cases of great merit, coming short of that which would carry off the first and second medals, a certificate of honourable mention should be given. The prize-winners were as follow:—In historical painting, the subject being "Ahab and Jezebel Confronted by Elijah in the Vineyard of Naboth," the gold medal and scholarship to Frank Dicksee; a second scholarship to John Charles Dollman; and honourable mention to John Matthew Rooke. In sculpture, subject "A Warrior Bearing a Wounded Youth from the Battle," the gold medal and scholarship to William Thornycroft; and a second scholarship to J. S. Webber. In architecture, subject, "A Nobleman's Town House," the gold medal to William Frame, and honourable mention to S. L. Luker. In landscape-painting (Turner medal), subject, "Under the Opening Eyelids of the Morn," the gold medal to J. H. Davies, the silver medal to E. H. Bearn, and honourable mention to R. E. Wilkinson. The travelling studentship in architecture was obtained by Bernard Smith. The prizes for painting from the life, and for drawings from the antique, were silver medals, awarded to A. Phillips and J. Dickenson; and medals to H. A. Bone, Frank Dodd, A. Gilbert, Kate May, H. H. Lathanque, J. Christie, and W. H. Tyler. A premium of £10 for the best drawing in the life-school was given to J. Christie; and the first and second medals for architectural drawing to T. E. Price and F. E. Eales.

On several occasions it has been our duty to call attention to the remarkable efficiency of the Lambeth School of Art, under the direction of Mr. Sparkes, the master. No art-school in England has turned out nearly so many pupils who have afterwards won gold or silver medals in the competitions at the Royal Academy. It was, it is said, the original intention of the founders of the school, which was established as far back as 1854, to provide art-instruction for the numerous potters of the district. Only in recent years, however, has this intention been carried out, with conspicuous success; and the success is due to the intelligent co-operation of Mr. Sparkes, who has a thoroughly practical conception of what is required in designs for industrial art, and Mr. Doulton, the eminent potter, who has conducted a series of experiments, resulting in the production of a material admirable in texture and colour, and admitting of any amount of applied decoration, which is already celebrated under the name of "Lambeth faience," and promises to become a distinctive and creditable branch of national art-industry. A selection of specimens of this faience was noticed by us when on view last year at Messrs. Howell and James's, in Regent-street; and now this firm—evinced, as it seems to us, a spirit of appreciation, as well as of enterprise, which deserves encouragement—has built a gallery at the back of their well-known premises, mainly for the purpose of exhibiting the new ware. The examples in this "Winter Exhibition" are more various than before, if not on the whole superior. The elegance and diversity of the forms, and the beauty of the colours and glazes, show an advanced development of the potter's art, mechanically and chemically considered. The danger is of too great ambition in the applied decoration. A few attempts at classical design are deficient in correctness and severity, as might be expected from students not long drilled in academic draughtsmanship. But Mr. Sparkes has instinctively avoided this error in the bulk of the designs which are based on Oriental (chiefly Japanese) or Mediaeval and European familiar motives, or derive their material direct from nature, and the freshness thus obtained—each design being, of course, hand-wrought, unique, and not repeated—and the charming naïveté accompanying it, in which, as in early art of all the historic schools, the very weaknesses evince spontaneity and sincerity, are often delightful. Some designs by Mrs. Sparkes and Miss Watts, and many adaptations of the Japanese and Persian styles, are specially to be commended. There are also some plaques by Mr. H. S. Marks, which, we need hardly say, are excellent. The new gallery contains, besides, rich collections of modern Dresden and of the almost deceptive imitations of Italian, Palissy, and other styles, from the celebrated French manufactory at Gien.

A medal commemorative of the visit of the Czar to London in May, 1874, has lately been completed by M. Wiener, the famous Belgian medallist, who, in a competition invited by the Committee of Reception, was unanimously chosen to execute the work. On the obverse of the medal is a very faithful portrait of the Emperor. The reverse presents an allegorical group, representing above Peace, with outspread wings; on one side a female figure typical of the city of London, supported by two amorini bearing sword and mace, emblems of civic power; and on the other the Emperor, in Imperial robes. Around the face of the medal are the words, "Servorum emancipator libera civitatis hospes." This medal, which is quite worthy of the artist, has lately carried off the first prize in a competition invited by the Belgian Academy of Arts for the best medal executed in recent years.

Captain Warren, R.E., has presented to the University of Oxford the Oriental coins, numbering between 700 and 800, which he collected during his travels in the East.

On Monday the Liverpool Art-Club entertained at dinner Sir Henry Cole, C.B., Professor Sidney Colvin, and Lord Houghton (who has just returned from a tour in the United States). In the course of the evening Professor Colvin gave an address on "The Place in the Art and the Imagination of Greece held by the Deities of Life and the Earth's Produce, Death, and Resurrection."

The Coleford Railway, in the Forest of Dean, was opened last week for passenger traffic, amid great rejoicing.

Dr. Crichton Browne, superintendent of the Yorkshire West Riding Asylum, has been appointed Visitor of Lunatics, in the place of Dr. Bucknill, who has resigned.

A public meeting was held at Chesterfield last week, under the presidency of the Duke of Devonshire, to raise funds to build a public hall in memory of George Stephenson.

Lord Hampton, Dr. G. W. Dasent, and Mr. Theodore Walrond are gazetted her Majesty's Commissioners for testing the qualifications of the persons proposed to be appointed to situations or employments in the Civil Service.

MUSIC.

The approach of Christmas brings a comparative lull in musical performances, some of the serial concerts being suspended until the active festivities of the season begin to subside. Of these, the Crystal Palace Saturday concerts and the Popular Concerts terminate for the year this week.

At the second concert of the Sacred Harmonic Society's forty-fourth season, yesterday (Friday) week, the oratorio was Handel's "Deborah"—the second in the long list of those great sacred works which the composer produced in this country. Although comparatively an early work, it contains some choral writing worthy of any period of its composer's career, especially the double choruses, "Immortal Lord of earth and skies," "O, hear thy lowly servant's prayer," "Baal's power ye soon shall know," and those for single choir, the "Allelujah" ending the first part, the closing chorus of the oratorio, and the intermediate movements, "Let thy deeds," "See the proud chief," "O Baal, monarch of the skies," "Plead thy just cause," "The great King of Kings," and "Now the proud insulting foe," all of which are grand specimens of sublime composition, and they were given with imposing force by the immense choir and proportionately large band of the society. The solos were efficiently sung by Mdlle. Levier, Miss Julia Elton, Mr. M. Smith, and Mr. L. Thomas, and the oratorio was performed with the additional accompaniments written especially for the society by Sir M. Costa, who conducted as usual.

Last Saturday's Crystal Palace Concert included a fine performance of the fourth of Beethoven's symphonies (in B flat), in continuation of the proposed execution of the whole nine, in regular order, during the present series of concerts. The other orchestral pieces were Gounod's overture to "La Nonne Sanglante," and that by Schumann to Byron's "Manfred." The selection also comprised a manuscript concerto for violin, composed and performed by Mr. Henry Holmes, who gave due effect to the various passages, expressive and brilliant, which he has plentifully provided in each of the three divisions of the work, for the display of that executive skill for which he has long been eminent. His performance drew forth much applause and a recall of the player after the close. Mdlle. Ida Corani made a successful first appearance in this country, and was much applauded for her delivery of "Come per me sereno" (from "La Sonnambula"), and two lieder, Taubert's "In distant land" and Brahms's "Cradle-Song," which last had to be repeated. The other vocalists were Mr. E. Lloyd and Signor Foli. The programme of this (Saturday) afternoon's performances is to consist entirely of a selection from the works of Weber, in commemoration of his birthday.

The Alexandra Palace concert of last Saturday afternoon consisted of a repetition of Handel's earliest English oratorio, "Esther," the revival of which by this institution was noticed by us six weeks ago. This week's programme includes Beethoven's "Pastoral" Symphony, Sir Sterndale Bennett's pianoforte concerto in F minor, to be played by Miss Agnes Zimmermann, an orchestral "suite" by M. Bizet (for the first time), and other interesting items.

At the last Monday Popular Concert of the year Madame Norman-Néruda reappeared as leading violinist and Mr. Charles Hallé as pianist. The solo performance of the latter was Weber's sonata in A flat, both artists having been heard in Beethoven's duet sonata in G (op. 96), and, with the co-operation of Herr Daubert, in Beethoven's very characteristic variations on "Ich bin der Schneider Kakadu," a theme from one of Wenzel Müller's comic operas. With such executants, it is needless to say that all these pieces were finely played. The stringed quartet was Beethoven's No. 10, in E flat, called in Germany the "Harp" quartet. This was led, with great purity of tone and refinement of style, by Madame Néruda, who was supported by Mr. L. Ries (second violin), Mr. Zerbini (viola), and Herr Daubert (violinello). Mdlle. Sophie Lowe was the vocalist, and Sir J. Benedict the accompanist.

That long-established and flourishing institution the Royal Academy of Music gave a "Students' Orchestral Concert," at St. James's Hall, on Wednesday evening, when the programme included various performances and compositions by the pupils, besides Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise" ("Lobgesang").

Yesterday (Friday) evening, the Sacred Harmonic Society was to give its annual Christmas performance of "The Messiah," simultaneously with which Herr Wilhelmj's first and farewell concert was to take place at St. James's Hall, with a programme including performances by himself, Madame Essipoff, and other eminent artists.

The Royal Albert Hall Amateur Orchestral Society begins its new season this (Saturday) evening, with a concert in aid of the funds of the All Saints' Convalescent Hospital at Eastbourne. Three specialties are announced for next week. On Monday "The Messiah" will be given by the Royal Albert Hall Choral Society, conducted by Mr. Barnby—among the solo vocalists announced being Madame Christine Nilsson and Madame Trebelli. "The Messiah" is to be repeated on Thursday evening, with Madame Lemmens-Sherrington, Miss Palmer, Mr. Cummings, and Mr. Thomas. It will be given also on Christmas Day, when Mdlle. Albani and Mr. Sims Reeves are promised.

Next Thursday a "Christmas Concert" is to take place at St. James's Hall, the names of the principal singers including those of Mdlles. Albani and Thalberg.

Sept. 12 and the three following days have been definitively fixed upon for next year's Festival of the Three Choirs at Hereford. The following gentlemen have joined the list of stewards, who now number eighty:—Viscount Hereford, Mr. Freeman Blisset, the Rev. W. Baskerville Mynors, Mr. J. Harding, the Rev. E. B. Hawkshaw, Mr. J. H. Barneby Lutley, Mr. W. Barneby, Captain Power, Mr. De La Barr Bodenham, and Major George Arbuthnot.

THEATRES.

THE COURT.

Playwrights themselves, it appears, have grown weary of the eccentric and meretricious pretensions out of which they have for so long a period been constructing what was considered the popular drama for a mixed audience; or education has already begun to do its work, and audiences, whether mixed or select, have detected the fraudulent nature of the compound with which such strenuous endeavours have been made to satisfy the appetite of the million. At any rate, there is now an outcry, both in France and England, for a more elevated class of dramatic entertainment than that of which the Parisian as well as the London public have grown ashamed, Mr. W. S. Gilbert—to his honour be it said—broke, some seasons ago, through the prevailing fashion, and attempted a quasi-poetic production, something between a masque and a burlesque, which, fortunately, found favour with his patrons. We have reason to congratulate him on his "Pygmalion and Galatea," "The Palace of Truth," and "The Wicked World," which, though rather in a rhetoric than in the more subtle

style of the masque-writers of the Elizabethan period, was certainly in advance of his time. Mr. Albery made an attempt in the more ancient style, but with less success; the philosophy and refinement of his musical drama needed more preparation on the part of the public than audiences had then been granted. We have fallen back on Mr. Gilbert, who has placed on the boards of the Chelsea theatre the best of his dramas in this kind, under the title of "Broken Hearts." There is considerable subtlety in the idea of the plot, or rather plan, of the piece. The dramatis personæ are assembled on a certain isle, having been driven into seclusion by various disappointments in love; and there console themselves with idols which they substitute for the true gods of their worship. One scene suffices for the action of the little drama, which, nevertheless, is made to occupy three acts. In this Lady Hilda (Miss Madge Robertson), Lady Vavir (Miss Bessie Hollingshead), Lady Melusine (Miss Plowden), Lady Amanthis (Miss Rorke), and Mousa (Mr. G. W. Anson), the deformed servant of the four damsels, partake. Mousa is a dwarf, one-eyed and humpbacked, who sees making for the shore a boat, manned by a stranger, Prince Florian (Mr. Kendal), who by means of veiling his face has the power of rendering himself invisible. His spells are first tried on Lady Vavir, who has taken for her fetish a sundial, to which she pours forth her affectionate apostrophes. Florian hears and answers them, still maintaining his invisibility. In the second act we find that Mousa has stolen the veil and thereby renders himself unseen to Lady Hilda, who mistakes his voice for that of the handsome Prince, but when his form is revealed to her shrinks from him with abhorrence. She manages, however, to possess herself of the talisman. After bitterly reproaching the monster, she renders herself invisible to him, and next meets with Prince Florian, who to Lady Vavir confesses that it is not she who is the object of his passion, but Hilda. The third act depicts the despair of Lady Vavir. Hilda, making herself visible, comforts her. But it is too late. She dies at the foot of the sundial, which she had so idly worshipped. Such is the elegant story which Mr. Gilbert has embellished with much pretty poetry, more, however, in the style of Rowe and Otway than that of Beaumont and Fletcher and Ben Jonson. The performance is worthy of the drama. The ladies all acted admirably. Miss Robertson sustained her well-established reputation, and Miss Hollingshead surprised her admirers. Mr. Anson, as the Caliban of the story, was both artistic in his make-up and powerful in his acting. The one scene which does duty for the entire play reflects great credit on Mr. W. Phillips. It is to be hoped that this highly commendable attempt at the drama of fancy and feeling may be found acceptable to numerous successive audiences.

CRYSTAL PALACE.

On Tuesday the experiment was made of reviving Sophocles's "Antigone," with Mendelssohn's music—an experiment intended to be followed up by similar productions. It will be recollected that this fine Greek drama was produced in January, 1845, at Covent Garden, under the direction of Mr. Macfarren. The cast on that occasion was a strong one—viz., Antigone, Miss Vandenhoff; Ismene, Miss Cook; Creon, Mr. Vandenhoff; and Tiresias, Mr. Archer. The present cast is—Antigone, Miss Genevieve Ward; Ismene, Miss Carlisle; Creon, Mr. J. Ryder; Tiresias, Mr. A. Matthison; Sentinel, Mr. Howard Russell; Chorus Speaker, Mr. Dolman. The chorus consists of forty carefully selected voices, directed by Mr. W. Gadsby, and a full orchestra under Mr. Manns. The stage and other arrangements had of course to be modified, according to the exigencies of the theatre; but efforts were made to approximate the arrangements of the Greek stage. The success of the experiment was decided, and the revival of "Cædipus at Colonna" is already projected. Other classic dramas, hitherto unknown on the English stage, will follow in due course.

At the Criterion, the comedy-drama of "Old Phil's Birthday" was revived, with a special cast, including Mr. Lin Rayne, Mrs. Edward Price, and Miss Carlisle.

The production of Mr. Wilkie Collins's new piece, "Miss Gwilt," on Saturday evening, at the Royal Alexandra Theatre, Liverpool, was highly successful. The principal actors and the author were repeatedly called before the curtain.

THE MAGAZINES.

The *Cornhill*'s bill of fare is unusually meagre in amount this month; all its constituents, however, are of the substantial order. Few contemporary novels better repay careful study than "Ethelberta's Hand," so carefully thought out is it, so replete with subtle and nicely-calculated effects. Its drawback is a lack of spontaneity, corresponding to a lack of atmosphere in a picture. "The Atonement of Leam Dundas" is artificial, too, but the artifice is that of melodrama which has lost its power to stimulate nerves jaded by a long course of sensational composition. It is impossible, however, to refuse admiration to the vigour and swing of the writing. "The Trials of a French Journalist" is one of that delightful series of French political satires which have so long made one of the principal attractions of the magazine. It is not one of the best, but its place in the group is nevertheless far from a low one. The subject needs no explanation. "Dante in Exile" and "The Arabian Nights" are semi-serious *causeries* in the *Cornhill*'s habitual style.

Macmillan contains a pearl of humour, Mr. Black's "Strange Horse of Loch Suainabhal," an epistle from a Highlander respecting a marvellous apparition beheld by him under the influence, as alleged by his detractors, of whisky, a slander which he most indignantly repudiates. No description can do justice to the peculiarity of Mr. Black's at once racy and chastened humour, though we may convey some idea of it by a comparison with the happiest performances of Bret Harte. Mr. Raven's "Diversions of a Pedagogue," a catalogue raisonné of schoolboy blunders, is another most amusing contribution. This may serve as a specimen:—Q. "What is a dependent sentence?" A. "One that hangs on by its clause." "Kisawlee" is a lively sketch of Canadian rural life. The most important of the more serious papers is Mr. Russell's account of "The English Falc Laws"—i.e., the penal legislation which the English Government has in bygone times found it necessary to enact against disaffected Roman Catholics.

Perhaps the most remarkable contribution to an excellent number of *Fraser* is a communication from St. Petersburg on the social question in Russia. According to the writer, the relations of employer and labourer are at present in an unsatisfactory state, owing principally to the restrictions imposed on the latter by the commune or village association, of which he is usually a member; for which, it is contended, the principle of individual liberty must be substituted. Another interesting paper is one on the singular mixture of races in the Bukovina, a miniature sample of the entire Austrian empire. The writer's ethnology, however, is often very fanciful, and he is too much influenced by German sympathies to be a trustworthy guide to the feelings and aspirations of discordant and often antagonistic races. "Scenery of an

Indian Stream" is the best-written paper in the number—a highly picturesque description of the romantic, majestic, and highly varied scenery of the Cauvery, in its course from the Coorg highlands to the Bay of Bengal. The Cauvery is locally considered the holiest of all Indian rivers and the lower part of its course is studded with splendid temples. "A Monk's Daily Life" is a pleasing picture of the strenuous and useful occupation open to the inmates of a cloister, after the extension of the monastic system had invested the monastery with the responsibilities of landed proprietorship. A short essay on the Malay difficulty indicates several points worthy of attention. The abandonment of our protectorate over Achin to the Dutch, in return for concessions on the Gold Coast, was a shabby proceeding, from which we have reaped bitter fruit in both regions. The Irish assailant of Mr. Green's "Short History of England" does not know when to leave off. He had produced a considerable effect by the hard-hitting of his first paper, which he only weakens by supplemental strictures of far inferior cogency. The glee with which he reflects that his antagonist's errors are stereotyped, and consequently irremediable, except at a heavy expense, is a genuine, if not an edifying, piece of human nature. "German Home-Life" is as entertaining as usual.

There is nothing of special note in *Blackwood*, except the spirited continuation of "The Dilemma," and "Left-Handed Elsa," a really pretty story. A paper on statistics is more lively than could have been expected from the nature of the subject. There is some pathos in the story of "Elizabeth," but it is far from amounting to poetry, nor can the experiment of employing the elegiac stanza as a vehicle for narrative poetry be deemed successful. "Notes from the Crimea" contain some interesting particulars of the present condition of Sebastopol. "In a Studio" has some sound, though not profound, criticism on the poetry of Shelley and Byron, that on the latter mostly of the disparaging sort.

The *Fortnightly Review* opens with a pleasant sketch, from the pen of Mr. John Forster, of a ripe and good scholar, the late Mr. Alexander Dyce. Mr. Dyce, by his own admission, lived so entirely among his books as to have little inclination for participation in wider human interests; and any sketch of his character must regard him principally in a purely literary aspect. Mr. Forster's miniature biography is, notwithstanding, genial and affectionate in tone; it is to be reprinted as an introduction to the catalogue of the library bequeathed by the deceased to the South Kensington Museum. Mr. W. G. Palgrave's picture of Surinam has all the freshness of his Oriental delineations. The colony appears to be a Transatlantic Holland; and, indeed, it is difficult to conceive of the solid Dutchman assuming an alien type. Its economical situation is highly satisfactory as regards the condition of the labouring and shopkeeping classes; the higher grades of society are impoverished by a long series of calamities, and restrained from bettering themselves by the difficulties of the labour question, which Mr. Palgrave promises to discuss in a subsequent paper. Professor Clifford's criterion of "right and wrong" is the degree in which actions contribute to the advantage or disadvantage of the community. He does not define the duties of the member of a community of corsairs. Mr. Freeman's effusion on "The True Eastern Question" supplies no solution of the all-important question, "Who is to take the Turk's place?" Mr. Freeman, indeed, suggests the Emperor of Austria, but evidently with considerable misgivings. If the fleets were unanimous, then, no doubt, the Sultan could be pushed out of bed. Professor Jevons has no difficulty in showing that the inland telegraphs have proved a bad investment for the nation in a merely financial point of view; but we do not think he will persuade many people that the loss is not abundantly compensated by the accruing social advantages.

In his essay on the Pope and Magna Charta in the *Contemporary Review*, Cardinal Manning labours to show that Innocent the Third's condemnation of the charter was not levelled at the document itself, but at the Barons' presumption in taking upon themselves to decide a dispute within his own jurisdiction. This will hardly be thought to mend the matter. Mr. Gladstone's version of the "Hymnus Responsorius" is respectable and tame; Lady Verney's spirited prose renderings of the modern Greek ballads are much more successful. Mr. Peter Bayne possesses the qualification for a critic so epigrammatically stated by Mr. Disraeli, and makes Walt Whitman an admirer fully aware of the fact. The "Conservative aspects of Positivism" are sufficiently apparent; but Mr. F. Harrison's recommendation of its "religious" aspects will be regarded by the persons he on this occasion addresses as an example of the employment of language in a non-natural sense. Mr. Davies's essay on Wesley, notwithstanding an obvious effort to hold the balance evenly, inclines rather to dwell on the less amiable traits of the Protestant Loyola. Perhaps the most generally interesting paper in the number is Mr. Willis Clark's entertaining and exhaustive monograph on the sea-lion, an animal endeared to the frequenters of the Zoological Gardens. The essential distinctions between the sea-lion and the seal are very clearly pointed out.

The *Month* commences with a remarkable paper, contending, in conformity with a dictum of the present Pope, that animals have no rights, and that cruelty towards them is rather inexpedient than iniquitous, because, forsooth, they are not "made in the image of God." The writer could hardly have more forcibly illustrated, had such been his design, the immense progress of modern morality beyond the standard of the Mediæval Church. Mr. Devas's eloquent plea for the agricultural labourer is to some extent marred by sophistry. He must be well aware that monasteries and almsgiving did not prevent the condition of the labourer in Wat Tyler's days from being far more wretched than at present.

Scribner's Monthly claims especial notice on the strength of "Gabriel Conroy," a new novel by Bret Harte, of greater compass than anything he has hitherto written, and promising to be fully worthy of him; of a new theory respecting Solomon's Temple; and of some exquisite examples of the daring, refinement, and quaint humour of Japanese artists.

The best things in *Temple Bar* are an agreeable sketch of "a neglected humourist," in the person of Samuel Foote, and an amusing story, entitled "How he was Cured."

"The Patent Woman," in *Belgravia*, is an excellent specimen of Mr. Sala's humorous extravagance; and there are spirit, melody, and feeling in Miss Hardy's poem, "A Midsummer Night."

The serial stories constitute the chief attraction of *Tinsley*, and of the *Gentleman's Magazine* as well, though here we have also to notice Mr. Thornbury's interesting resumé of the metrical romance of "Sir Percival," and an eloquent eulogium on Walt Whitman as "the Poet of Joy."

We have also to acknowledge the New Monthly Magazine, the Monthly Packet, the Argosy, the Victoria Magazine, the Western, Good Words, Cassell's Magazine, Once a Week, Chambers's Journal, the Sunday Magazine, and the Practical Magazine.

A Royal warrant for the reorganisation of the services combined under the name of "Control" has been promulgated.

THE WRECK OF THE DEUTSCHLAND.

This great disaster in the North Sea, which was commented upon, as well as the terrible colliery explosions, in our leading article of last week, has continued to engage attention. Our Artist went out to see and sketch the wreck on the Thursday morning, as will appear from one of the Illustrations now given. Another shows the Harwich tug steamer *Liverpool*, on the Tuesday, lying close alongside the wreck, and the crowding on board to rescue the survivors of the crew and passengers, who had been twenty-eight hours clinging to the wreck. This scene is most correctly as well as vividly delineated by our Artist, who went out in the tug, by permission of Mr. Carrington, its worthy master. There is no life-boat stationed at Harwich, and the want of such provision has been remarked since the late shipwreck, with much regret. It is now to be supplied by the gift of the Earl of Strafford, having been recommended by the Royal National Life-Boat Institution. The conduct of some part of the shore boatmen or "smacks-men," but certainly not of them all, when they got aboard the *Deutschland*, has also been mentioned with disapproval. Those to whose behaviour we refer showed more alacrity on the Wednesday and Thursday in stripping the saloon and cabins of valuable property than in any other service. Our Artist, having been a witness to this proceeding on the second day named, gives his evidence in the form of a sketch, the perfect veracity of which may be relied upon. The *Times* of Monday last, in a letter from its own reporter, contains ample information on this painful subject. We now add some precise details of the whole sad affair to our brief report of last week.

The *Deutschland* was a screw steam-ship belonging to the North German Lloyd's Company, and employed on the line from Bremen to New York, touching at Southampton. She was not registered at Lloyd's in London, but was entered in the "Liverpool Underwriters' Book of Iron Vessels." She was of British build, and was launched by Messrs. Caird, of Greenock, in 1866. She was 328 ft. long, 26 deep, and 40 beam. Her engines were two of direct action, of 600-horse power in all. Her registered tonnage was 2690 under deck, 2898 gross, 1971 net. She had five bulkheads—that is to say, she was in six compartments. This ship had eight large boats, of which either two or three were life-boats. The boats thus provided were enough for more than a hundred passengers and a hundred seamen. She is said by the owners' agents to have had on board no less than 1000 life-belts. The 'tween-decks, where the steerage passengers slept, were "roofed" with these appliances, and there was a life-belt at the head of every first and second class passenger's bunk. At Southampton she would have taken on board more passengers and the English mails, which the company has been in the habit of carrying during fourteen years. She had both a Weser pilot and an English Channel pilot on board when she struck; and her master, Captain Brickenstein, had been many years in the service of the company.

The inquiry now commenced should account by some explanation (beyond that of there being a snowstorm) for the deviation from her course which led the ship, leaving the Knock Edge light on her port side, to ground on the shifting sands of the Kentish Knock. This is, with the exception of the Galloper, the outermost shoal at the mouth of the Thames, and the steamer must have passed quite close to the light in reaching the place where she lies, with her bows to the south-west and her stern to the north-east, in 4 to 4½ fathoms water at high tide and 20 ft. less at low water. As the wind was blowing strongly from the east-north-east, it is probable that the numerous shoals of the Dutch coast were sought to be avoided by a westerly course, with the result that the ship approached too close to the Thames shoals. The Kentish Knock is distant from Harwich, to the eastward, about twenty-three miles, and is twenty-two miles north-east of Margate.

The steamer struck on Monday morning at five o'clock. The sea was very rough, blowing hard from the east-north-east, thick with snow. The lead was cast every half hour. They found twenty-four fathoms and then seventeen fathoms. Immediately afterwards the ship struck while going dead slow. The engines were turned full speed astern, and the propeller was immediately broken. The ship was then driven further up; two boats were lowered—one in charge of the fourth officer, and containing seven or eight persons; the second with Quartermaster Bock, in which it is believed there were only three or four persons. But both filled. No other boats were launched, the sea being too rough, but the rest were kept in readiness. Ultimately, however, the sea stove in and washed overboard the whole of the boats. During the Monday efforts were made by throwing cargo overboard from the forehold to keep the ship's stern to sea, keeping her bows inshore to prevent her getting broadside to the sea; and passengers were sheltered as far as possible in the deck-houses. The pumps were kept going all the day till dusk came on, at four o'clock. As the tide rose and dark came on, the passengers and crew were compelled to take to the rigging, for the decks became flooded. Captain Brickenstein, who had not left the bridge, remained there until washed out by the sea; and then he took to the rigging like the others. They remained all night and next morning; but many died. The tug *Liverpool* arrived about noon on the Tuesday, and took off 136 persons, who were thus brought in safety to Harwich.

The life-boat of the *Deutschland*, with one living man and two dead men in it, came ashore at Garrison Point, Sheerness, at half-past four o'clock on the Tuesday morning. It was Auguste Bock, the quartermaster of the ship, who thus came to land in the life-boat, after being buffeted about by the winds and waves upwards of thirty-eight hours. He says that when the captain of the vessel gave the order for the boats to be got ready a great panic seized the passengers, especially the females. The boat, he says, by which he was saved was attached to the vessel by a three-inch rope, which soon snapped asunder and the boat capsized, throwing her occupants into the water. She, however, righted herself and drifted away from the ship with Bock and two others who had managed to scramble into her, though they were twice thrown into the sea. One of them was a passenger. The latter was very badly injured by a blow from the boat, and he died about three o'clock on Monday afternoon. The survivor used every means to cheer his remaining companion by telling him that they were near land. He advised him to move about for the purpose of keeping his blood in circulation; and, as he continued to get worse, he rubbed him as well as his strength would permit. All his efforts were in vain, however, and death put an end to the poor fellow's sufferings. Bock remained in the boat with the two corpses until he came ashore.

It was stated by Captain Brickenstein, in his evidence at the inquest on Friday, that many deaths occurred by the persons who had climbed into the rigging, as their strength failed or they were chilled by the cold wind, falling upon the deck, where they were washed off by the waves, and some were washed down the hatchways into the hold. One corpse was seen by our own Artist sticking in the ventilating shaft, head downwards, the feet protruding at the top. Our Artist, who went out from Harwich in the steam-tug *Liverpool*, of that port, says that the men of that tug deserve great praise for

their efforts to recover the dead bodies, to which they gave their entire attention; but they were not at all assisted in this by the boatmen of the shore, who would not leave their more gainful occupation of stripping the furniture and searching for clothes or valuables, while dead bodies lay beside them. It is even stated, by the *Times*' correspondent, that rings were taken from the fingers of the dead, and that their pockets and belt-pouches were rifled. The boats, luggers, and smacks, whose men are charged with such misconduct, do not belong to Harwich; there were about fourteen of them surrounding the wreck.

Mr. Meyer, Chancellor of the German Consulate in London, has been making a laborious verification, at Harwich, of the number and names of the passengers and crew. The result of this inquiry is not final, but it gives so far the following figures:—Passengers saved, 48 men and 21 women and children; crew saved, including the captain and three pilots, 86; total saved, 155. Drowned—passengers, about 44; crew, about 20; total (approximate), 64. The bodies have been photographed, and other means have been taken to secure their identification by friends and to distinguish the place of interment. Five of the women were nuns of a Franciscan order in Westphalia, who were going to a new foundation of their order in Canada. Their funeral rites were performed at a Roman Catholic church at Stratford-le-Bow, the bodies having been conveyed from Harwich for that purpose, in charge of some English members of their religious order. Cardinal Manning officiated in this service, and delivered an address; the interment took place in the cemetery at Leytonstone.

An inquest has been held by the Essex county coroner at Harwich, and the jury have found a verdict of "Accidental Death," not attributing any blame to Captain Brickenstein, but expressing their opinion, nevertheless, that the ship ought to have been in charge of a more experienced pilot than the one taken at Bremen. In the German Parliament at Berlin a question was put to the Government, and it was proposed that there should be a special inquiry concerning this affair.

WILLS AND BEQUESTS.

The Scotch confirmation, granted by the Commissariat of Inverness, of the will or settlement, dated June 24, 1870, of the Right Hon. Thomas Alexander, Baron Lovat of Lovat, Inverness-shire, who died at Beaufort Castle, on June 28 last, to Simon, Lord Lovat, the son, and sole executor, has been sealed at the principal registry, London. The aggregate of the personal estate and effects of the deceased in England and Scotland is sworn under the value of £90,000.

The will and codicil, dated Aug. 21 and Sept. 2 last, of Mr. James Houghton, late of Rodney-street, Liverpool, who died on Sept. 6, was proved at the Liverpool district registry on the 10th ult. by Richard Houghton, the brother, James Gordon Houghton, the nephew, and James Gordon, the acting executors, the personal estate being sworn under £250,000, including leasehold property. The testator bequeaths to the Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool, £5000; to the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, and the Baptist Missionary Society, Liverpool, £500 each; to the North and South Dispensaries, Liverpool, the Liverpool Town Mission, the Bible Society, Liverpool, the Young Men's Christian Association, Liverpool, the Baptist Building Fund, Liverpool, the Stockwell Orphanage, Clapham-road, the Board of Education to Aid Baptist Ministers of limited incomes in educating their children (in London), the Baptist Pastors' Incomes Augmentation Society in London, the British and Irish Home Mission "Funds for Ireland," and the National Society for infirm and aged Baptist ministers, £250 each; to the Deaf and Dumb School, Liverpool, £150; to the Medical Mission, Liverpool, the Seamen's Orphanage, Liverpool, the Schools for Orphan Boys, for Orphan Girls, and Orphan Infants, all in Myrtle-street, the Bluecoat Hospital, Liverpool, the workshops for the outdoor blind, Liverpool, the Baptist Bible Translation Society, Liverpool, and the Monthly Tract Society, Liverpool, £100 each; to the Baptist Trade Society, Liverpool, and the Baptist Home Missionary Society for Scotland, £50 each respectively, free of legacy duty. There are large legacies to his relatives, clerks, servants, and others. One half of the residue of his property he leaves to his brother Richard, one fourth to his brother John, and the remaining fourth to his sister Jane.

The will, dated Oct. 9 last, of Mr. Samuel Wittwronge Clayton, late of Eastfield House, Ryde, Isle of Wight, who died on Oct. 14, was proved on the 15th ult. by Ittyd Frank Clayton, the son, the acting executor, the personal estate being sworn under £60,000. The testator gives to his wife, Mrs. Anna Maria Clayton, his leasehold property, all his household furniture, and £1000; to George Whitlock Nicholl, £100. He also bequeaths the following sums of Three per Cent Stock—viz., to his wife, £5000; to his sons Ittyd Frank, Arthur Prestwood, and Charles Falkingham, £8000 each; to his son William Lewis Nicholl, £5000; to his daughters Augusta Mary and Ada, £3000 each; and to his daughter Mrs. Johnstone, £1000 of such stock. The residue of his property he leaves equally between his wife and his said seven children.

The will, dated June 2, with one codicil, dated Aug. 26 last, of Mr. Jehu Horrocks, late of Ainsworth Lodge near Bolton, Lancashire, who died on Sept. 17, have been proved at the Manchester district registry by George Kilvington and James Halliday, the executors, the personal estate, including leaseholds, being sworn under £30,000. The testator gives to his wife, Mrs. Mary Horrocks, an annuity of £100, and the remainder of his property to his children equally.

Further trials of the eighty-one ton gun were made at the proof butts of the Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, yesterday week, with the most satisfactory results.

A new travelling club, on the pattern of the Alpine Clubs of Europe, has been founded in the United States, to be called the Rocky Mountains Club.

In the official *Army List* for the present month are the names of about 150 soldiers who have died in the service since 1865, leaving unclaimed property amounting in the whole to over £1000, varying in amount from £93 to a few shillings, for which the next of kin are invited to apply to the Secretary of State for War.

A new graving-dock, formed by the Clyde trustees at Gowan, near Glasgow, was opened, last Saturday, by the entrance into it of the steamer *Ethiopia*. The dock is 500 ft. long, with a depth on the sill of 22 ft., and 70 ft. wide at entrance. The water is discharged from the dock by four pumps, worked by engines of 200-horse power; and the whole, nearly 25,000 tons, can be discharged in two hours.

The Right Hon. Stephen Cave, M.P., Paymaster-General, has started on his special mission to Egypt, accompanied by Colonel Stokes, C.B., lately British delegate to the International Commission held at Constantinople on the Suez Canal dues; and Mr. Victor Buckley, of the Foreign Office, Secretary to the mission. Mr. W. H. White, Deputy Accountant-General at the War Office, is attached to the mission as financial secretary. Mrs. Cave has accompanied her husband.



THE MAHARAJAH SCINDIA, OF GWALIOR.



THE MAHARAJAH OF CASHMERE.



THE MAHARANA OF OUDEYPORE INTRODUCED TO THE PRINCE OF WALES AT BOMBAY.
FROM A SKETCH BY ONE OF OUR SPECIAL ARTISTS.



THE PRINCE OF WALES LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF NEW DOCKS AT BOMBAY.
FROM A SKETCH BY ONE OF OUR SPECIAL ARTISTS.

OBITUARY OF EMINENT PERSONS.

LORD FITZWALTER.

The Right Hon. Sir Brook William Bridges, Baron Fitzwalter, of Woodham Walter, Essex, and a Baronet, died at his seat, Goodnestone Park, near Wingham, Kent, on the 6th inst. His Lordship was born June 2, 1801, the elder son of Sir Brook William Bridges, fourth Baronet, by his first wife, Eleanor, eldest daughter and eventual coheir of John Foote, Esq., a banker in London, and received his education at Winchester, and at Oriel College, Oxford, where he graduated B.A. 1822 and M.A. 1827. From February to July, 1852, and from 1857 to 1868, he sat in Parliament for East Kent; previously, in 1837, he had unsuccessfully contested Sandwich. He was a J.P. and D.L. for Kent, patron of four livings, and for many years Captain in the East Kent Yeomanry Cavalry. His Lordship was also for some time Chairman of East Kent Quarter Sessions. At his father's death, April 21, 1829, he succeeded as fifth Baronet, and subsequently was declared by the House of Lords one of the coheirs of the ancient barony in fee of Fitzwalter. It was, indeed, wellnigh proved that he was sole heir; but, there being some difficulty in ascertaining the extinction of a branch of the family, he was raised to the Peerage by a new creation in 1868. Lord Fitzwalter married, July 4, 1834, Fanny, eldest daughter of Lewis Cage, Esq., of Milgate in Bersted, Kent; but by her, who died Oct. 28, 1874, he had no children. The peerage title, consequently, has become extinct, but the baronetcy devolves on his Lordship's brother, now Sir Brook George Bridges, sixth Baronet, of Goodnestone.

SIR THOMAS BURKE, BART.

Sir Thomas John Burke, Bart., of Marble Hill, in the county of Galway, died on the 9th inst. He was born June 7, 1813, the eldest son of Colonel Sir John Burke, second Baronet, by Elizabeth Mary, his wife, eldest daughter of the late Right Hon. John Calcraft, M.P., of Rempstone, Dorset, and received his education at Oscott College, Birmingham. Entering the Army, he became Captain in the 1st Dragoons, 1838, and retired in 1842. He was a J.P. and D.L. for Galway, and sat in Parliament for that county from 1847 to 1865. Sir Thomas married, Feb. 21, 1857, Lady Mary Frances Nugent, second daughter of Anthony, present Earl of Westmeath, and leaves a young family of five sons and two daughters. The eldest son, now Sir John Charles Burke, fourth Baronet, was born Feb. 7, 1858.

MR. COBBOLD, M.P.

John Patteson Cobbold, Esq., M.P. for Ipswich, died on the 10th inst. He was born in 1831, the son of John Chevallier Cobbold, Esq. (M.P. for Ipswich from 1847 to 1868), by Lucy, his wife, daughter of the Rev. Henry Patteson, Rector of Drinkstone, Suffolk. He received his education at Eton, was a J.P. for Suffolk, and Major of the 2nd Battalion Suffolk R.V. Mr. Cobbold was elected for Ipswich in February, 1874, in the Conservative interest. He married, 1858, Adela Harriette, daughter of the Rev. John George Dupuis, Vice-Provost of Eton College.

ADMIRAL SIR HOUSTON STEWART, G.C.B.

Sir Houston Stewart, G.C.B., Grand Officer of the Legion of Honour and of the Medjidie, first class, Admiral of the Fleet, died on the 10th inst. at Dowrie Bank, Port William, Wigtownshire. He was born in 1791, the third son of Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, fifth Baronet, by Catharine, his wife, eldest daughter of Sir William Maxwell, Bart., and entered the Royal Navy seventy years ago, in 1805, on board the *Medusa*. In early life he saw much active service off the French coast and in the Mediterranean, being successively posted in the *Revenge* (74), the *Impérieuse* (38), and in command of *La Julie*. He took part in the Walcheren expedition, and distinguished himself at the siege of Flushing. In 1817 he obtained post rank in the *Salisbury* (58), served next in the *Menai* on the North American station, and from 1839 to 1842 commanded the *Benbow*, the first ship in action at the bombardment of St. Jean d'Acre. Subsequently he held the posts of Superintendent of Woolwich Dockyard and Controller-General of the Coastguard, and had a seat at the Board of Admiralty. In 1855 he was second in command of the naval forces off Sebastopol, and from 1869 to 1872 was Visitor and Governor of Greenwich Hospital. For a few months in the year 1832 he sat in Parliament for Greenwich and in 1837 unsuccessfully contested Renfrewshire. Sir Houston married, in 1819, Martha, daughter of Sir William Miller, Bart., Lord Glenlee, and was left a widower in 1870. His eldest son is Rear-Admiral William Houston Stewart, C.B., Controller of the Navy.

The deaths are also announced of the Right Hon. Lady Louisa Stuart, last surviving child of Charles, seventh Earl of Traquair, in the hundredth year of her age [her Ladyship is erroneously stated in the papers to have been "last of the Royal Stuarts"—she was certainly the last direct descendant of the noble house of Traquair, sprung from a natural son of the Earl of Buchan; but she had no claim to the representation of the Royal line of Stuart]; of Georgina Charlotte, Lady Manningham-Buller, only daughter and heiress of Sir Charles Edmund Nugent, G.C.H., Admiral of the Fleet, and wife, first, of the Right Hon. George Banks, M.P. for Dorsetshire, and secondly of the present Sir Edmund Manningham-Buller, Bart.; of Charles Prideaux-Brune, Esq., of Prideaux Place, Cornwall, High Sheriff in 1834, a large landed proprietor, and the representative of an important branch of the ancient family of Prideaux, of Prideaux Castle; of Thomas Thornhill, Esq., of Riddlesworth, J.P. and D.L., High Sheriff of Suffolk in 1860, lord of the manor of Riddlesworth, and patron of three livings; of James Ravenscroft Starke, of Laughton Castle, Carmarthenshire; and of Lieutenant-Colonel Francis Cunningham, aged fifty-five, the youngest son of Allan Cunningham, the poet: for some time past the deceased was engaged in extending and revising the literary "Handbook of London," by his late brother, Peter Cunningham.

Robert Edwards, a labourer, forty-two years of age, who was admitted a patient of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital on Saturday afternoon, escaped from the care of the nurses early on Monday morning, and murderously assailed five boys who were inmates of the institution, three of whom died.

CHESS.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

W. ROSE.—The North London Chess Club meets at The Grange, Richmond-road, Dalston. Apply to the hon. sec., Mr. J. P. Taylor.
R. D. T.—The solution is not correct.
THE WHITE HART.—Quite right.
H. SCHLESNER.—The problem shall have examination.
W. H.—You can have as many Queens on the board at once as you can advance Pawns to the eighth square.
ADOLPHUS BECK.—Many thanks for the problem.
R. THILTHORPE.—We are obliged by your courteous attention, but the information, unfortunately, reached us a week too late to be of service.
E. P. O'BRIEN.—We will examine the position again; but, at the first glance, we are afraid it looks too easy.
R. W. S.—We understand a match is on the tapis between the players you name.
H. A. SIMPSON.—We do not regard the player referred to as a "professional."
JUDEx.—None of the gentlemen you mention have had much practice of late years, but, judging from their past performances, we should imagine that Mr. G. B. Fraser is the best living Scotch player.
PROBLEM No. 1658.—Additional correct solutions received from J. K. J. Sowden, G. H. V. E. H. V. W. V. G. D. W. H. Carlyon, G. C. Baxter. Those by M. Clare, G. B. P. D., B. C. yle, are wrong.
PROBLEM No. 1659.—Correct solutions received from J. K. E. H. V. G. H. V. M. H. Moorhouse, Borsco, Vig. Owllet, W. H. Carlyon, R. W. S. H. Schlesner, G. C. Baxter, East Marden, Woolwich Chess Club, W. D. J. K. T. H. W. Oxford, Nux, H. Ree, W. Wainhouse, Harrow Hedges, I. S. T. W. F. Payne, Wee Pawns, Benet, D. G. H. P. J. Sowden, G. H. Gwyn, Wigmore-street, Lat'a, W. V. G. D. Thorpe, Dover, E. P. O. B. Those by Tempier, O. Vossler, J. Ridpath, N. B. S., B. Coyle, and Lora are wrong.

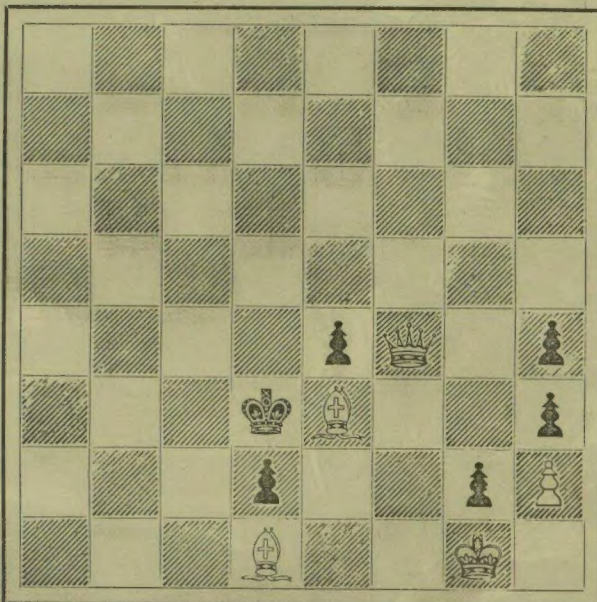
SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 1658.

WHITE.	BLACK.	WHITE.	BLACK.
1. Kt to Q 7th	Kt to Q B 3rd*	3. Kt to K B 6th.	Mate.
2. R to K 5th (ch)	Kt takes R†		
*1.	K takes R	3. Q or Kt mates.	
2. Q to Q B 4th (ch)	K takes Kt or moves		
†2.	K to B 5th	3. Q to R 5th. Mate.	

PROBLEM No. 1661.

By Mr. W. T. PIERCE.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play, and mate in three moves.

THE LATE MATCH BETWEEN MESSRS. ZUKERTORT AND POTTER.

Owing to the early hour at which we went to press we were unable last week to do more than briefly announce the result of this interesting contest. A victory in the proportion of two to one—for Mr. Zukertort's actual score was four won games as against his opponent's two—is sufficiently conclusive, and will have the effect of still further enhancing the winner's well-earned reputation. Mr. Zukertort's brilliancy and profound theoretical knowledge are proverbial; but the steadiness, patience, and fertility of resource which he exhibited in the late match must, we imagine, have taken some of his warmest admirers by surprise. Without for a moment putting forward Mr. Potter as a representative of English chess—to which title he has, of course, no pretensions—he is, nevertheless, a player of very considerable resource; and it was just on the cards that his dogged, unimaginative style, and the persistent manner in which he played for draws, would in a long series of games foil the superior genius and impetuous imagination of his opponent. Under these circumstances, Mr. Zukertort's unqualified victory is doubly creditable, and we cordially congratulate him on the result. It is now quite evident that when he played his match with Mr. Steinitz, on his first arrival in this country, he was completely out of form; and in the event of a second encounter between the same players we shall be quite prepared to see the result reversed.

We append another Game from the late match.

(Irregular Opening.)

WHITE (Mr. P.)	BLACK (Mr. Z.)	WHITE (Mr. P.)	BLACK (Mr. Z.)
1. P to Q 4th	P to Q 4th	18. P takes P	P takes P
2. P to K 3rd	Kt to K B 3rd	19. Kt to Q B 4th	
3. B to K 3rd	P to K 3rd		Very ingeniously conceived.
4. Kt to K B 3rd	P to Q B 4th		Kt takes Q P
5. Castles	Kt to Q B 3rd		A good counter-stroke, and far preferable to the obvious move of 19. B to Q Kt sq, to which White could have replied with 20. Q Kt to K 5th.
6. P to Q R 3rd		20. Kt takes Kt	P takes Kt
	B to Q 3rd	21. B takes P	B to Q 4th
7. Kt to Q B 3rd	P to Q Kt 3rd	22. B takes B	Q takes B
8. P to Q Kt 3rd	Castles	23. Q to K B 3rd	B to Q B 4th
9. B to Q Kt 2nd	B to Q Kt 2nd		The best reply: effectually preventing the immediate capture of the King's Bishop's Pawn.
10. Q to K 2nd		24. Q R to Q sq	Q R to K sq
	R to Q B sq	25. P to Q Kt 4th	B takes Kt
11. K R to Q sq	P takes P	26. B takes B	
12. P takes P	R to K sq		Had he taken with Rook, Black would have retorted with 26. Q to Q R 7th, to which White could not reply with 27. R to K 2nd, on account of 27. Kt to Kt 4th.
13. Kt to Q Kt sq		27. Q to Q 3rd	Q to K B 2nd
	Q to Q B 2nd	28. P to K B 4th	Kt to Kt 4th
14. R to K sq	Kt to K 5th	29. R takes R	R takes R
15. Q Kt to Q 2nd	P to K B 4th	30. B to K 5th	Kt to K 5th
16. P to K Kt 3rd	R to K B sq		Had he played 30. R to Q B sq, Black could have rejoined with 30. R to Q sq.
17. P to Q B 4th	Q to K B 2nd	31. P to K Kt 4th	Q to K B 3rd
	Kt to K 5th	32. P to Kt 5th	Q to K B 2nd
	Q to Q R 7th	33. R to Q sq	Q to Q R 7th
	Q takes Q	34. Q to Q 5th (ch)	Q takes Q
	R to B 5th (ch)	35. R takes Q	R to B 5th (ch)
	R to B 7th (ch)	36. K to Kt 2nd	R to Q 7th (ch)
	R to Q 7th	37. Kt to B sq	

and the Game was shortly afterwards abandoned as drawn.

CHESS AT BIRMINGHAM.

The accompanying smart little Skirmish occurred recently, at the Birmingham Chess Club, between Messrs. RYDER and SYNDERCOMBE.

(Centre Gambit.)

WHITE (Mr. R.)	BLACK (Mr. S.)	WHITE (Mr. R.)	BLACK (Mr. S.)
1. P to K 4th	P to K 4th		Better, perhaps, to have played 6. B to Q Kt 5th, but, even in that case, Black must have speedily obtained the advantage by 6. Kt to K 5th, threatening B to Q B 5th, &c.
2. P to Q 4th	P takes P		
3. P to K B 4th		6.	Kt to K 5th
	P to Q 4th	7. Kt to K B 3rd	B to Q B 4th
	P to Q 4th	8. Kt to Kt 5th	
	P to Q 4th		A suicidal move, which enables Black to administer the coup de grâce prettily enough.
	P to Q 4th	8.	B to B 7th (ch)
	P to Q 4th	9. K to K 2nd	Q takes Kt
	P to Q 4th	10. P takes Q	R to K Kt 5 (ch)
	P to Q 4th	11. K to Q 3rd	Kt to Q Kt 5th (mate).

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THE PRINCE OF WALES IN INDIA.

The Indian tour of his Royal Highness, which has, since our news of last week, proceeded from Ceylon to Madras, continues to receive ample illustrations from the sketches of Mr. Simpson, our Special Artist, assisted by other contributors. The Prince's visit to Parbutty-hill, at Poonah, where he first rode on an elephant, his entry into the city of Baroda, and the spectacle of an elephant-fight with which he was entertained there, the presentation of the Maharana of Oudeypore to his Royal Highness at Bombay, and the Masonic ceremony of his laying the first stone of the Elphinstone Dock, are the principal subjects of this week's Engravings. We give also the portraits of the Maharajah Scindia, Prince of Gwalior, and of the Maharajah Runbeer Singh, ruler of Cashmere. The illuminations of Bombay on the night of the Prince's birthday were described in our last. Two of the sketches made that evening by Mr. Simpson were unavoidably deferred, but we mentioned the incidents to which they refer. These are the triumphal arch erected at Sans Souci, Parell, by the lady of Sir Albert Sassoon, that gentleman himself being now in England; and the house of a wealthy Mohammedan citizen where the female inmates, being "Purdah Log," or people concealed from view, were yet enabled to look out of curtained windows and to enjoy the grand sight without themselves being seen. The scene on the beach at Madras is but one of an ordinary and trivial incident there; yet even this, as the Prince of Wales arrived so lately at Madras, may have some degree of interest; and we are sure to be furnished with an abundance and variety of other materials, for our next week's publication and for many more to come.

When the Prince was at Poonah, on Monday, the 15th ult., he mounted his horse at six in the morning, and, attended by some fifteen of the Royal party, rode from Gunmesh Khind to the hill some three or four miles off, on which stands the famous temple of Parbutty. The air was cool and bracing, and all enjoyed the ride. Upon arriving at the hill the Prince and his friends got upon elephants to proceed up the long and fatiguing flight of stone steps that lead to the temple. There are several hundred of these steps, which are some 8 ft. deep, and are all laid upon a slope. The elephant is the only animal that could be safely used for the ascent, on account of the slipperiness of the stones, worn smooth by the feet of pilgrims. In external appearance the temple resembles a fortress. Outside the small gate through which the visitor enters is a stone image of the sacred bull. In the courtyard a very spirited image of a bull is to be seen facing that of Shiva. The god is placed far back in the gloom, and can only be seen from a distance; but the worshippers resort here sometimes to the number of two thousand in a day. Every pilgrim gives money. There are little tomb-like chapels for gods around—one of Gunputty, the God of Wisdom; one of the Goddess of Love, another for the God of Light; and, of course, one of Parbutty, the wife of Shiva. From the walls there is a magnificent view of the plains with the hills beyond. The field of battle of Kirkee is a couple of miles away.

The arrival of his Royal Highness at Baroda, on the morning of the 19th, was a rather grand affair. He had travelled from Bombay, a distance of 260 miles, by a night special train on the railway. He was met at the station by the young Guicowar and Sir Madhava Rao, the Prime Minister, with the British Resident, and a numerous staff and suite. There was a guard of honour of the 83rd Regiment, there in garrison; half a troop of artillery was also drawn up. The escort was composed of the Bombay Lancers, 3rd Hussars, and detachments of Baroda Cavalry and Infantry. There were twelve gigantic elephants curiously painted, and magnificently caparisoned. When the Prince appeared with the Guicowar the bands played and a salute was fired. They entered a golden howdah, hung with cloth of gold trappings. The Guicowar was on his right, Sir Madhava Rao behind. In front was a row of elephants all kneeling. The suite followed on elephants, and a procession was formed. The road for a mile and a half to the Residency was ornamented with garlands; and there were numerous triumphal arches bearing the inscriptions, "Welcome to the Prince," "God Bless the Prince." First went footmen in white and scarlet, carrying gay banners and spears; next came men in scarlet and white, with banderoles, then marshalsmen on horseback. Over the Prince's head was a state umbrella, and on each side men waving cloths of gold, yaks' tails, and peacock feather fans. The route to the cantonments was lined with Indian cavalry. Mounted gentlemen, seebondies, matchlock men, Indian bands mounted, and the Baroda Sowars made up a picture of a triumphal march. At the entrance were four gold and silver native chariots, drawn by oxen, with gilt and silver horns, and with trappings of the richest tissues. Sowars of the 9th and 22nd Native Infantry were in line on the left of the route. A Royal salute was fired, and the Prince's standard run up. Upon his entering the Residency grounds he alighted at the steps where the chiefs, the Staff, and domestics were assembled, and led the Guicowar up to the reception-hall.

The Guicowar, after a short stay at the British Residency, went to his own palace in the town. At three o'clock the Prince and suite drove to Mohteabagh, to visit the Guicowar and afterwards the Maharana, who expressed high gratification at the Prince's visit and the honour done to Baroda. The Prince then proceeded to the arena through the native city. The streets were lined with soldiers without arms and police. An exciting entertainment was provided—wrestlers, elephant, rhinoceros, buffalo, and ram fights. There were thousands of spectators; and in the town at night there were illuminations. The Prince dined with the officers of the native infantry regiments. At the request of his Royal Highness, the sketch that our Special Artist had made of the procession entering Baroda was shown to him, and it was approved by his Royal Highness.

The Freemasons of Bombay had been preparing a great Masonic demonstration, which was to consist in laying in Masonic form the foundation-stone of the new Elphinstone wet dock, and in a grand ball which was to follow the ceremony up in the evening at the Townhall. His Royal Highness, accordingly, after visiting the sailors' banquet, on Saturday, the 11th ult., laid the foundation-stone of the dock with all Masonic ceremonial, amidst an immense concourse of spectators. An address was presented to him by the Brethren, to which his Royal Highness replied. The business was performed with full Masonic mysteries. The Prince, on arriving, entered a robing-room, from which he emerged with his Masonic emblem as Grand Master of the craft. A huge marquee was erected on the site of the dock, and this was tastefully decorated. At the approach of the Royal cortège the Masons, of whom 550 were present as representatives of various lodges, moved forward from the entrance and formed a row two deep on each side. All were in full Masonic costume, and the sight of the coloured aprons and sashes on Parsee, Hindoo, and Mussulman robes had a very curious appearance. Then came a grand procession of Masonic officials with all sorts of mystic titles—stewards and wardens, tylers and pursuivants, organists and registrars, deacons and grand



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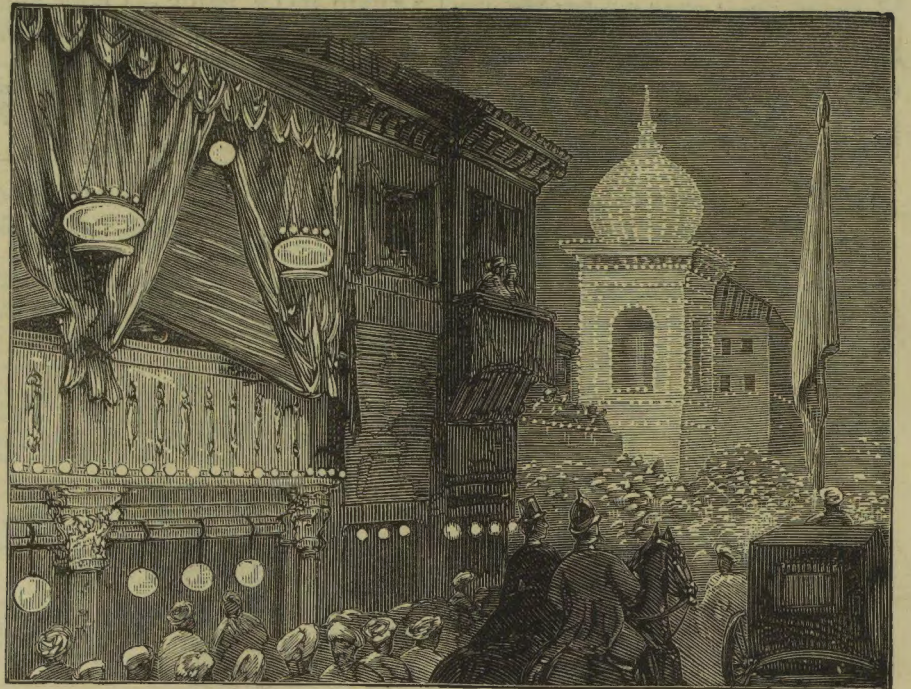
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masters, and then, following the Prince, the grand sword-bearer. The Prince having taken his place, the stone was laid with imposing Masonic form. Captain Henry Morland, Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, and Mr. Justice Gibbs, District Grand Master of Freemasonry in Bombay, were the principal officers of the craft who received and assisted his Royal Highness.

At the grand reception of native Indian Princes by his Royal Highness, at Government House, Bombay, there was one, the Maharajah of Oudeypore, remarkable, among so many rich costumes, for plainness of attire; all was white cotton, a gold belt hung over his left shoulder, by which, Rajpoot-like, his shield was suspended, and thus, with his tulwar in hand, he met his future Emperor. He is a young man, rather dark for a native of India, very slightly pock-marked, and with a small moustache; the expression of the face was rather heavy and un-intellectual. He seemed of a backward turn, and had a tendency to hang in the rear of his own followers, who were

all very gorgeously attired. It is rumoured that he is deeply offended at the boy Guicowar being placed before him.

This Maharana of Oudeypore, or Meywar, whose name is Dheraj Sumbhoo Singh, is the greatest of the Rajpoot Princes, who trace their descent from the mythical hero Rana, far back in antiquity. Meywar, north of the Bombay Presidency, is a territory about 150 miles long and 130 miles broad, with a population of 1,200,000. The city of Oudeypore is noted for the highly ornate and beautiful architecture of its palaces and temples, built on the edge of a lake; but we have given some illustrations of them. Another great native Prince, whose portrait we engrave, is Jyajee Rao Scindia, Maharajah of Gwalior. It has been observed on a former occasion, when speaking of the Maharajah Holkar of Indore, that these Mahratta potentates of Western India are now valuable allies of the British Government. Scindia was overthrown in the Sepoy War of 1858, by a rebellion headed by Tantia Topee and the Rane or Dowager Princess of Jhansi, at the instigation of Nana Sahib. He was restored by the British force under Sir

Hugh Rose, now Lord Strathnairn, who stormed the rock-fortress of Gwalior. The Mahrattas, till their defeat by Lord Lake and other British commanders, at the beginning of this century, possessed the greater part of the Deccan, and Poonah was the capital of their dominion.

With regard to the Maharajah of Cashmere, whose residence and political relations, beneath the Himalayas and in the Valley of the Upper Indus, are very remote from Bombay, we defer any notice of him till the Prince of Wales goes to visit him in Cashmere. The portrait of this Maharajah is from a photograph by Messrs. Bourne and Shepherd, of India.

His Royal Highness arrived at Madras, by railway from Trichinopoly, at half-past seven o'clock last Monday morning. He had landed, on Saturday morning, at Tuticorin, after his voyage from Ceylon, and come on by the railroad, through Madura and Trichinopoly, resting on Sunday at the last-mentioned place. We shall probably give some illustrations of his visit to Ceylon, and subsequently to Madras, when the despatches of our Special Artists shall have come to hand.



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